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1	9-9-41	WFO letter to HQ	1	1	
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4	7-17-52	NY letter to HQ	3	3	
5	7-18-52	WFO letter to HQ	1	1	
6	7-18-52	Copy of cover & corrected page 11 attached WFO report to HQ	14	16	
6	7-18-52	WFO letter to HQ	3	3	
7	8-14-52	WFO letter to HQ	1	1	
8	10-29-52	Copy of cover page attached WFO report to HQ	3	3	
8	10-29-52	WFO letter to HQ	1	1	
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NR	8-7-53	CAPT. MAX ELITCHER HQ letter to WFO	2	0	BUFILE 101-2115

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9	9-11-53	HQ letter to AAG	1	1	
9	8-31-53	WFO letter to HQ	1	1	
		COPY of cover page Attached			
10	10-22-53	WFO report to HQ	6/1	6/1	1
		Brannigan to Belmont			
11	11-9-53	Memo	2	2	
NR	11-25-53	WFO letter to HQ	1	1	
NR	1-18-54	Keary to Belmont memo	1	1	
12	7-9-54	WFO letter to HQ	1	1	
13	7-9-54	WFO letter to HQ	1	1	
		COPY of cover page Attached			
14	12-13-54	WFO report to HQ	18/1	18/1	1
NR		FD 214	1	1	
NR	11-10-54	WFO letter to HQ	1	1	
NR	1-28-55	WFO letter to HQ	1	1	
15	2-17-55	WFO letter to HQ	2	2	



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16	5-6-55	WFO letter to HQ	4	4	
NR	11-9-55	WFO letter to HQ	1	1	
17	11-29-55	WFO letter to HQ	1	1	
18	11-29-55	COPY of cover page attached WFO report to HQ	7 1	7 1	1
19	1-16-57	WFO letter to HQ	2	2	
19	1-16-57	COPY of cover page attached WFO report to HQ	16 1	16 1	1
20	3-4-57	WFO letter to HQ	1	1	
21	4-9-57	WFO letter to HQ	2	2	
NR	4-26-57	WFO letter to HQ	1	1	
22	4-30-57	COPY of cover page attached WFO report to HQ	8 1	8 1	1
22	4-30-57	WFO letter to HQ	1	1	
23	5-20-57	WFO letter to HQ	1	1	

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24	6-4-57	NY letter to HQ	1	1	
25	6-12-57	WFO letter to HQ	1	1	
26	6-17-57	WFO letter to HQ	1	1	
27	8-1-57	copy of cover page attached NY report to HQ	5/1	5/1	1
28	8-1-57	copy of LHM attached NY letter to HQ	3/1	3/1	1
NR	1-24-58	WFO letter to HQ	2	2	
NR	1-30-58	NY letter to HQ	1	1	
NR	7-30-58	NY letter to HQ	1	1	
29	8-13-58	copy of cover page attached NY report to HQ	3/1	3/1	1
NR	8-8-58	NY letter to HQ	1	1	
P-30	8-13-58	copy of LHM attached NY letter to HQ	5/1	5/1	1
31	8-29-58	NY letter to HQ	1	1	

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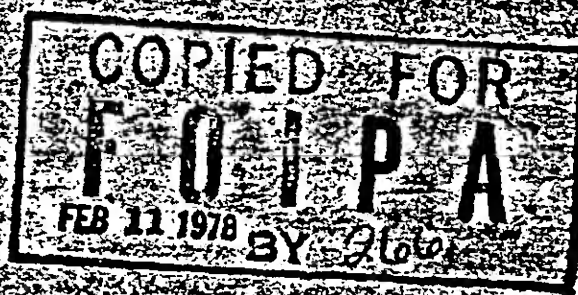
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September 9, 1941  
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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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Re: ABA J. SUROVELL, with  
alias, Abraham Surovell;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

This case was received July 1, 1941  
(Date)

The source or complainant:

Alleged indices of Communist "Front" Organizations.  
(Name)

(Address)

\*Summary of Complaint:

Alleged to be on indices or mailing lists of Communist "Front"  
Organizations.

This case after due consideration has been placed  
in a deferred status. It will receive appropriate attention  
immediately when personnel is available.

Very truly yours,

S. K. McKee  
Special Agent in Charge

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
**Washington, D. C.**

Washington, D. C.

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October 9, 1941

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

With reference to telephonic request made to me by Mr. TIMM of the Bureau, I am enclosing herewith photostatic copies of 81 telegrams sent through the Postal Telegraph Co. to the Secretary of Labor by persons who are apparently those in attendance at a rally of the Committee for the Reinstatement of HELEN MILLER. It is noted that all of these are of the same substance and that they request the Secretary of Labor to reinstate HELEN MILLER and grant her an impartial hearing.

Very truly yours,

S. K. MCKEE  
/s/ Special Agent in Charge

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POSTAL TELEGRAPH

Secretary of Labor, Perkins

Urge reinstatement Helen Miller and fair and impartial hearing.

Kathrin Lutz

Aaron Herschfeld

Sol Labor

Ab. Garovell

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: JUL 17 1952

TO : Director, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, New York (100-104125)  
 SUBJECT: ABRAHAM J. SUROVELL  
 SM - C  
 WFO 100-5587

ESTHER SUROVELL  
 SM - C  
 WFO 100-23316

ReWFOrep of SA OWEN B. CHANEY, dated 4/5/51,  
 re ESTHER SUROVELL, aka., SM-C; WFO letter to NY, 5/14/52,  
 re ABRAHAM J. SUROVELL, SM-C, and WFO letter to NY, 6/19/52,  
 re ESTHER SUROVELL, aka., SM-C.

The records of the Naval Records Management Center, Garden City, NY, reviewed on 6/23/52 by SA HERBERT R. COOPER, reflect that ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL, Serial #603-83-50, entered the military service at Washington, DC, on 11/24/42, in the rank of Quartermaster First Class, and was honorably discharged at Bainbridge, Maryland, 2/16/46, in the rank of Chief Specialist (X) (CT) (Cartographic). The records show he was born 3/2/20, NYC.

The following additional pertinent information was reflected:

Home Address

1946 - 247 Delaware Avenue,  
 Southwest, Washington, DC  
 1942 - 2480 57 Avenue,  
 Tuxedo, Maryland

Marital Status

Married, Wife: ESTHER SHACH  
 SUROVELL

Education  
 Occupation

AB Degree, college not known  
 Draftsman, subject has worked  
 in the Hydrographic Office  
 of the Navy Department

Date and Place  
 of Marriage

October 10, 1942,  
 Washington, DC

Language Qualifications

German and French

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Surovell, Abraham



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The subject ABRAHAM J. SUROVELL registered with LB 136, Brooklyn, NY. His address at the time of registration was 1245 East 9 Street, Brooklyn, NY.

During period in service he was on leave for 10 days in 1943 at 115 West 16 Street, NYC. Both parents of the subject ABRAHAM J. SUROVELL were born in Russia.

As per request of the WFO, the indices of this office were reviewed in connection with the International Economic Research Bureau, 68 Williams Street, NYC, and its director, WILLIAM J. BAXTER.

Mr. BAXTER, who heads the organization, is an economist and statistician, who was the subject of a registration act investigation by the Bureau in 1942-43.

BAXTER on 10/21/40, published a book entitled "Japan and America Must Work Together", for which he received payment from the Japanese Chamber of Commerce.

The case was subsequently withdrawn from the Grand Jury, District of Columbia, on the request of the Department of Justice.

The general function of the organization is the periodical circulation of bulletin-type circulars by subscription, which circulars predict market trends, business conditions, etc.

In connection with information obtained through interviews of MAX and HELENE SLITCHER, which information was specifically set out in NY letter to Bureau dated 4/4/52, with a cc to the WFO, the WFO should refer to NY report and letter of SA VINCENT J. CAHILL, dated 3/31/52, entitled "COGOG, IS - C" (WFO 100-17070), wherein the subject information is fully set out and documented.

Letter to Director, FBI

NY 100-104125

A review of the indices and files of this office regarding the two above mentioned individuals, revealed no information to which the WFO does not already have access.

Records of the Board of Election, Borough of Brooklyn, New York, as reviewed by SE EDWARD J. KIRK, reflect no information relative to the subjects for the years 1944-1951.

Records of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, and the BSSI, NYCPD, reviewed by SA AUGUST J. MICEK, reflect no information relative to the subjects.

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[REDACTED] who were contacted by SAs JOHN W. DOOLEY and RICHARD H. BLASSER, stated that they did not know the subjects. RUC. *b7d*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD (100-5587)

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL, was.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: July 18, 1952

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X It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

— The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELLALIASES ABRAHAM JACK SUROVELL, ABE JACK SUROVELL, JACK SUROVELLNATIVE BORN X NATURALIZED        ALIEN       COMMUNIST X SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY        INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE       MISCELLANEOUS (Specify)       TAB FOR DETCOM        TAB FOR COMSAB        RACE WHITE SEX MALEDATE OF BIRTH MARCH 2, 1920 PLACE OF BIRTH BROOKLYN, NEW YORKBUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) VICE PRESIDENT,CARTOGRAPHICS, INCORPORATED, 2134 Stevens Court, Northwest,Washington, D. C.NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Vital Facility List)       RESIDENCE ADDRESS 1102 - 46th Street, S.E., Washington, D. C.

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R.E. Linnard

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: July 18, 1952

FROM : SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD (100-5587)

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELI, was.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Enclosed herewith are five copies of the Summary Report of SA JAMES D. HUPPERT in captioned matter dated July 18, 1952, at Washington, D. C.

The purpose of instant letter is to set out information regarding the subject in possession of the Washington Field Office which, though considered unsuitable for inclusion in details of enclosed report, is felt pertinent in that it gives further indication of past activities of the subject.

WFO 100-1631 is the case file on HELEN MILLER . . . Hatch Act. Serial 75 sets forth names of 81 persons who sent a telegram to the Secretary of Labor on October 3, 1941, demanding HELEN MILLER's reinstatement and that she be given an impartial hearing. Among the senders of this telegram was listed the name of ABRAHAM SUROVELL.

WFO 100-18486-5 containing Military District of Washington report dated August 5, 1947, regarding GERALD L. K. SMITH's "Christian Nationalist Rally" held August 3, 1947, at monument grounds, Washington, D. C. The report reads in part as follows: "The comrades and members of its Washington 'red front' organizations, not content to join in 'the silent treatment' of SMITH, decided to go all out and oppose him in true militant revolutionary style." According to this report, a meeting was called thirty minutes before SMITH's speech and approximately 100 Communists and their followers met at 718 Fifth Street, Northwest, for instructions. The Washington Police Department furnished the Military District of Washington with the license numbers of automobiles which brought people to the meeting at 718 Fifth Street, N.W. Included was an automobile registered to ABRAHAM J. SUROVELL, 247 Delaware Avenue, S.W.

WFO 100-17070 is the COCOG file in the Washington Field Office. Serial 302 contains a memorandum written by SA WILLIAM R. CORNELISON on March 23, 1948. It states that the agent had examined the address book and calander of ELEANOR CULIENTEISER, 121 Joliet Street, S.W., on December 23, 1947. Included on the calander, under the unexplaining head, W.C.C.P., was the name ABRAHAM SUROVELL. ELEANOR and JOSEPH CULIENTEISER are known to the Washington Field Office as quite active in affairs sponsored or dominated by the Communist Party in Washington, D. C.

Encl. (5)  
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On the evening of April 6, 1951, Special Agents JOHN R. VAN ETTEN and JOSEPH E. KELLER conducted a surveillance in the vicinity of 125 Joliet Street, Southwest, where a social affair sponsored by the Southwest Branch of the Progressive Party, District of Columbia, was in progress. It was noted that this affair was being held in the apartment of ELEANOR and JOSEPH BELSER. Among the automobiles which were parked in the vicinity and whose occupants entered the above address was an automobile registered to ABE JACK SUROVELL of 1102 46th Street, S.E.

On the evening of June 16, 1951, SA VAN ETTEN and GILBERT G. BENJAMIN took up a surveillance in the vicinity of 4863 Potomac Avenue, Northwest, where the Progressive Party was sponsoring a social function. Observed in the vicinity of the above address was an automobile registered to ABE JACK SUROVELL of 1102 46th Street, S.E., but the occupants of this automobile were not observed.

On December 8, 1951, the Washington Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights held a bizarre at 1867 Kalorama Road, N.W. Special Agents VAN ETTEN, CRAWFORD F. WILLIAMS and WINFRED H. ANDERS observed persons entering and leaving this affair. At 1:18 p.m., an unidentified white man parked his automobile and entered 1867 Kalorama Road, Northwest, and departed at 2:07 p.m. It was found that this automobile was registered to ABE J. SUROVELL, 1102 46th Street, S.E.

It should also be pointed out with reference to information furnished by MAX and HELENE ELITCHER that HELENE ELITCHER has gone into some detail in explaining the workings of the Communist Party group of which she was a member while in Washington, D. C. (This group was the Navy Department cell of the Communist Party which was not identified in the details of enclosed report to avoid possible disclosure of informant's identity.) Mrs. ELITCHER has advised that no Party membership cards were issued and dues were collected by the chairman who was elected for a period of one year. He would then turn the money over to another person who was known to the chairman to be in contact with Communist Party headquarters.

In addition to information reported as coming from MAX ELITCHER, it is further noted that his membership was also in the Navy Department cell of the Communist Party and was continuous from around 1943 to the spring of 1946 or early summer. At that time he advised the chairman of the cell that he was discontinuing his Communist Party membership and returning to New York. The chairman

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to whom MAX ELITCHER gave this information was ABE SUROVELL and SUROVELL's membership in the Communist Party was still in effect when ELITCHER left Washington, D. C.

Files of the Washington Field Office also reflect that on October 27, 1950, the subject, ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL, testified before the Southern District of New York Grand Jury which was considering the allegations of espionage brought against one MORTON SOBELL. At this time SUROVELL refused to answer any questions of the Grand Jury on grounds of possible self-incrimination.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL

FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT WASHINGTON FIELD

FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE JUL 18 1952	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11 & 12/51; 1-6/52	REPORT MADE BY JAMES D. HUPPERT JDH:lr
TITLE ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL aka Abraham Jack Surovell Abe Jack Surovell, Jack Surovell			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Confidential informants have advised that subject and wife, ESTHER SUROVELL, were known CP members in Washington, D. C.; subject's membership known to be effective in 1948. SUROVELL denied any past Party connections in August, 1950. Subject's brother-in-law and sister, with whom subject lived, also identified as closely affiliated with Communist Party. Connection with cited organizations reported. SUROVELL and wife have shown interest in local organizations characterized as dominated by local Communist Party element. Physical description set forth.

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CC TO: SAC - 11576
REQ. REC'D 5/18-68
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ANS. BY: 6/1/68

*Re: Surovell Paul Rich and Photo*

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SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

I. BACKGROUND

A. Birth Data

On February 9, 1942, SUROVELL was employed by the Hydrographic Office, Navy Department, Washington, D. C. His personnel file reflecting this employment gives his date of birth as March 2, 1920, at Brooklyn, New York. His father's name is HARRY W. SUROVELL, whose address in this file is shown as 115 West 16th Street, New York City, New York.

T-1, a confidential informant of known reliability, advised on June 17, 1952, that the subject's full name is ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL.

B. Citizenship

From the aforementioned birth data, it is apparent that subject holds United States citizenship by virtue of his birth taking place within this country.

C. Education

On August 28, 1950, SUROVELL provided information which included details of his background. He advised that he graduated from Brooklyn College in June, 1940, receiving an A.B. Degree with a major in Art.

According to the information furnished by SUROVELL, he enrolled in a National Defense Training Course at McKinley High School after coming to Washington, D. C. He was enrolled in this course June 1941 through August 1941 as per information in subject's personnel file in the Navy Department.

D. Marital Status

Records of the Credit Bureau, Washington, D. C., contain a report on the subject and his wife, ESTHER SUROVELL. The date of subject's marriage to ESTHER SUROVELL is not known and District of Columbia Marriage Records contain no information. However, ESTHER SUROVELL was also employed by the Navy Department and her file reflects she was hired under her maiden name, ESTHER SHACK, on September 26, 1941. According to this record, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. DAVID SHACK of West Orange, New Jersey.

Mrs. JOHN W. KNOX, 1100 - 46th Street, Southeast, Washington, D.C., advised that subject and wife reside at 1102 with their three children, PAUL, approximately five years of age, and twins, ALLEN and JEFFREY, about three years old.



T-2, of known reliability, was a member of the Communist Party in Washington, D. C., during the period 1943-46. T-2 advised in February, 1952, the informant knew ESTHER SUROVELL as a member of T-2's group in the Communist Party. The informant stated that ESTHER SUROVELL was also a member of the Housewives Group of the Communist Party. T-2 could not furnish the exact dates of ESTHER SUROVELL's membership in the Communist Party.

T-3, of known reliability, has also advised that ESTHER SUROVELL was known to T-3 as a member of the Communist Party during the same period, but was also unable to furnish her exact membership dates.

On June 5, 1952, T-4, of known reliability, advised that ESTHER and JACK SUROVELL were members of the Progressive Party, Washington, D. C., and were considered "good people" by Progressive leaders in this area. The informant stated that ESTHER and the subject have never, to the informant's knowledge, disagreed with any Communist Party policy or program. This informant had no information which would positively identify ESTHER and JACK SUROVELL as members of the Communist Party.

#### E. Credit and Criminal Record

The Credit Report at the Credit Bureau, Washington, D. C., on subject and his wife is dated August 16, 1950, and the SUROVELLS are rated as satisfactory on two accounts. This record was checked by SE WALTER J. TOLSON.

Arrest records at the Washington Police Department reflect that ABE JACK SUROVELL, age 22, was arrested at 2:45 a.m. on August 23, 1942, and charged with fornication. Arrested with subject was ESTHER SHAIK, age 21, of 709 Decatur Street, Northwest. (It is noted that ESTHER SHAIK is subject's wife's maiden name.) This case went to court on August 27, 1942, and the disposition is given as nolle prossed. Subject's address at the time of his arrest was 2403 57th Avenue, Landover, Maryland.

Arrest records further reflect that SUROVELL was arrested for traffic violations on 13 different occasions between August 28, 1947, and March 7, 1951. These records were examined by SE NICHOLAS R. HANFRED. A.

#### F. Employment

As mentioned under the caption "Education", SUROVELL graduated from college in June, 1940. His personnel file at the Navy Department reflects he was employed from September, 1940 until June, 1941 in Washington, D. C., at the Corcoran Art School.

According to Civil Service Commission personnel records, the subject was appointed as an engineer draftsman with the Federal Security Agency, Office of Education Defense, on August 21, 1941. He resigned this position January 20, 1942.

Further reference to the subject's Navy Department personnel file discloses he was employed on February 9, 1942, as an engineer and draftsman, Hydrographic Office, Washington, D. C. According to this file he was given a military furlough on December 1, 1942. Effective February 18, 1946, SUROVELL returned to the above position and was promoted to Nautical Scientist on April 15, 1946. Subject resigned this employment on June 27, 1947, to accept a position in private industry.

According to the Credit Bureau Report previously referred to, SUROVELL was employed as a partner in Sangster and Surovell Association, 1129 Vermont Avenue, Northwest, as of June 1, 1947.

Mr. JAMES C. SUIT, building manager, 1129 Vermont Avenue, N.W., advised in February, 1952 that his records show Sangster and Surovell Associates (draftsmen) moved from the fifth floor office about one year ago. The latest address Mr. SUIT had for this firm was rear of 2133 K Street, N.W.

T-5, of known reliability, advised on February 11, 1952, that the subject was engaged in a business known as Cartographics, Incorporated, 2134 Stevens Court, Northwest (rear of 2133 K Street, N.W.).

Records of Dun and Bradstreet, Incorporated, contain a report regarding Cartographics, Incorporated, dated October 16, 1951. This report lists ABRAHAM J. SUROVELL as Vice-President of this Corporation which was chartered in Maryland on May 1, 1950, to take over the partnership of Sangster-Surovell. A charter amendment gave the firm its present name on August 1, 1951. This corporation does graphic arts work, which includes designing and technical drafting, and it is noted in this report that 90 per cent of their work is performed for the United States Government.

#### G. Residences

It has been pointed out that SUROVELL came to Washington, D. C., in 1940. The City Directory for that year contains no address for the subject. T-6, of known reliability, advised December 11, 1943, that SUROVELL had previously resided in New York with his father, HARRY SUROVELL, at 1245 East Ninth Street, Brooklyn, New York.

The 1941 City Directory for Washington, D. C., gave the subject's address as 3574 11th Street, Northwest. This Directory also indicates that 3574 11th Street, N.W., was the address of one SIDNEY R. KATZ.

T-6 also advised on December 11, 1943, that the subject was rooming at Tuxedo, Maryland, with his sister, Mrs. SIDNEY KATZ. T-6 further advised that SUROVELL had formerly lived with Mrs. KATZ at 3574 11th Street, Northwest.

T-7, of known reliability, stated in April, 1941 that SIDNEY H. KATZ was a member of the Communist Party working in Washington, D. C., directly out of the National Office of the Communist Party in New York.

T-8, of known reliability, advised in early 1943 that SIDNEY KATZ was a leader in the formation of the United Federal Workers of America, CIO. T-8 [REDACTED] and knew him as a close associate of several individuals known to T-8 as members of the Communist Party. T-8 further advised that Communists who had talked with T-8 about Communist matters had admitted the connection between SIDNEY KATZ and the Communist Party. T-8 stated that this statement also applied to Mrs. KATZ, JULIA SERGOVICS KATZ. b7D

The "Daily Worker" (East coast Communist newspaper) of November 14, 1942, identified JULIA KATZ as a newly elected national director of the CIO Women's Auxiliaries and listed her among the women who had, under Communist auspices, signed and sent a telegram of encouragement to the women of Russia, England and China.

T-9, of known reliability, advised May 23, 1945, that JULIA KATZ's name appeared on a memorandum, headed Unity Club, in the CPA (Communist Political Association), headquarters at 201 West Franklin Street, Baltimore, Maryland. T-9 could not attach special significance to this information.

T-10, of known reliability, advised in early 1944 that A. J. and E. S. SUROVELL moved from 2408 57th Avenue, Tuxedo, Maryland, to Washington, D. C., approximately June 1, 1943. T-11, of known reliability, advised at the same time that T-11 remembered ABRAHAM SUROVELL having lived with Mr. and Mrs. SIDNEY KATZ at the Tuxedo, Maryland, address. T-11 stated that all of these individuals moved from that address in June or July, 1943.

The Credit Bureau Report on the SUROVELLS reflects they resided at 247 Delaware Avenue, Southwest, upon their return from Tuxedo, Maryland. The City Directory for 1948 lists this as their street address and their apartment number as 305. The Credit Bureau information further indicates that the SUROVELLS lived on Delaware Avenue, S.W., for five years prior to moving to 1102 - 46th Street, S.E., in June, 1948. The subject advised in August, 1950, that he resided at 247 Delaware Avenue, Southwest, from August 1943 to May 1948, at which time he moved to 1102 - 46th Street, Southeast. This latter address is subject's present place of residence.

## H. Status of Health

Information received from acquaintances of the subject indicates that he is not suffering from any physical deficiency or disability at the present time.

## II. CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

### A. Membership

Reference is again made to information furnished by Confidential Informants T-2 and T-3 regarding the Communist Party membership of subject's wife, ESTHER SUROVELL. T-2 had previously furnished pertinent information regarding subject on September 7, 1950. The informant attended many Communist Party meetings in Washington, D. C., during the period 1943-46 and remembered definitely that ABE and ESTHER SUROVELL were members of T-2's particular group. T-2 could not furnish the exact dates of their membership, but believed they were affiliated with this group throughout the 1943-46 period.

According to T-2, all members of this group were affiliated with the United Federal Workers of America and affairs of the Union were frequently discussed at the meetings. However, T-2 stated there was absolutely no possibility that a person could presume that these were Union meetings and not meetings of Communist Party members. T-2 did not provide specific dates on which meetings took place but stated that the meetings occurred normally every two weeks.

T-3 has advised that T-3 joined the United Federal Workers of America in Washington, D. C., in 1942 or 1943 and was active in Communist Party work, Washington, D. C., until 1948. T-3 knew ABE SUROVELL as a Communist Party member throughout the above period.

Reference has been made to information supplied by the subject on August 28, 1950. The following is quoted as a portion of a voluntary statement made by the subject at that time:

"... I have never been and I am not now a member of the Communist Party. My wife is not and has never been a member of the Communist Party... I have no friends or acquaintances who are members of the Communist Party, as far as I know. I have never attended a meeting of the Communist Party."

As previously mentioned, T-4 furnished information on the SUROVELLS on June 5, 1952. Although T-4 had no information revealing subject to be a member of the Communist Party, informant stated that SUROVELL and his wife have been sympathetic with Communist Party policies and programs.

III. CONNECTION WITH ORGANIZATIONS CITED AS SUBVERSIVEA. American Youth Congress

The American Youth Congress has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States as a subversive and Communist organization.

T-12, of known reliability, advised in early 1941 that the second annual youth conference, sponsored by captioned organization, was held in Washington, D. C., November 1, 2 and 3, 1940. Among those who attended, according to T-12, was ABE SUROVELL of the Washington Youth Council, residence 3574 11th Street, N.W.

B. American Peace Mobilization

The American Peace Mobilization, during the Stalin-Hitler Pact has been cited as subversive and Communist by the Attorney General of the United States. T-13, of known reliability, furnished the names of those persons on the active indices of captioned organization in early 1941. Included was the name ABE SUROVELL, 3574 11th Street, Northwest.

C. Town Meeting of Youth

The Special Committee on Un-American Activities in a report dated March 29, 1941, cited the Town Meeting of Youth as a Communist front in Washington, D. C.

T-14, of known reliability, advised in 1941 that a meeting

According to T-14, ABE SUROVELL of the Washington Youth Council attended this function. b7d

D. Washington Book Shop

The Washington Book Shop was cited by the Attorney General of the United States as subversive and Communist in December, 1947, and September, 1948.

T-15, of known reliability, advised February 18, 1944, that ABE SUROVELL had been an active member of the Washington Book Shop. His address had been 2408 57th Avenue, Tuxedo, Maryland, and according to T-15,

T-16, of known reliability, advised in 1948 that ABE SUROVELL had been an active member of the Washington Book Shop as of December 13, 1947.

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Will reference to various organization which have been cited as subversive or Communist, SIMROVELL included the following pertinent information on August 28, 1950:

" . . . I do recall that sometime between 1942 and 1946, I became a member of the Washington Book Shop, located on 17th Street between I and K Streets . . . . I wrote the Book Shop and requested that my name be removed from the membership list. I did this because I read in the paper that it was a Communist organization. I also recall attending a meeting of the American Youth Congress sometime in 1940 or 1941. . . . I did not attend as a delegate or an official but merely at the invitation of someone I cannot now recall. I was never a member of the American Peace Mobilization or any other organization of this kind as far as I can remember."

#### IV. MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

A. Progressive Party, Washington, D. C.

On December 22, 1951, T-18, of known reliability, advised that the majority of the current officers (including club officers) of the Progressive Party, Washington, D. C., were either Communist Party members or Communist Party sympathizers. On the basis of this identification, the informant was of the opinion that the Progressive Party, Washington, D. C., was infiltrated and controlled by the Communist Party.

T-17, of known reliability, advised January 23, 1952, that a meeting of the Progressive Party, Washington, D. C., was held at 1867 Kalorama Road, Northwest, on January 18, 1952. It was estimated 75 persons attended this meeting including ABE SUROVELL and his wife, according to T-17.

██████████ advised ██████████ at the ██████████ under the sponsorship of the Southeast Group, Progressive Party, Washington, D. C. ██████████ stated that the subject attended this function. b7d

B. Emergency Committee to Defend MARIE RICHARDSON

MARIE RICHARDSON was indicted in United States District Court, Washington, D. C., in November, 1951, for falsely disclaiming Communist Party affiliation in government employment applications submitted in 1948 and 1949. She was subsequently tried and convicted on this charge. In December, 1951, the captioned committee was organized in Washington, D. C., to assist in MARIE RICHARDSON's defense. On February 8, 1952, T-4 advised that the majority of the members of this committee were Communists and that the committee was controlled and dominated by the Communist Party.

On January 12, 1952, this committee gave a benefit party at 641 Fourth Street, Northeast. The affair was raided by officers of the Washington Police Department because liquor was being illegally dispensed. The newspaper, Washington Afro-American of January 19, 1952, published a list of those who attended this party and the list included ABE J. and ESTHER SUREVELL of the 1100 block, 46th Street, S.E.

T-17 advised in February, 1952, that a mass meeting of the Emergency Committee to Defend MARIE RICHARDSON was held February 17, 1952, at the Meridian Hill Baptist Church. The informant stated that both subject and his wife, ESTHER, attended this meeting.

[REDACTED] advised in March, 1952, that the informant had knowledge of [REDACTED]

In November, 1950, T-18 advised that LILLIAN CLOTT was then known to the informant as Dues Secretary of the Communist Party, Washington, D. C. b7d

[REDACTED] b7d  
It should be noted that T-19 has advised that [REDACTED] b7d

#### C. Washington Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights

On June 24, 1952, [REDACTED] advised that captioned committee was dominated and controlled by the Communist Party, Washington, D. C. Informant believed this was true because of the fact that all members of the committee are either Communist or in agreement with the Communist programs and policies. b7D

[REDACTED] advised in June, 1952, that a mass meeting of captioned organization was held May 27, 1952, at Odd Fellows Hall, Ninth and T Streets, N.W. Among those in attendance at this meeting were JACK SUROVELL and his wife, ESTHER. b7D

#### V. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The following is a physical description of the subject, ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL:

Height: 5'9"  
Weight: 155 lbs.  
Build: Slender

Hair: Dark - marked receding hair line  
Eyes: Dark  
Facial Characteristics: Prominent nose, small mouth, weak chin  
Dress: Neat  
Marital Status: Married - ESTHER SUROVELL  
Family: Wife and three children, all residing with subject  
at 1102 46th Street, S.E., Washington, D. C.  
Occupation: Vice-president, Cartographics, Incorporated, 2134  
Stevens Court, N.W., Washington, D. C.

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T-2, HELENE ELITCHER, Flushing, N.Y.	Information re CP membership of ESTHER SUROVELL			Awaiting documentation from New York
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T-3, MAX ELITCHER, Flushing, N.Y.	Information re CP membership of subject			Awaiting documentation from New York
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T-4, [REDACTED] b7d 2/9/52		2/15/52	CARL W. DeTEMPIE (orally)	66-2575 Sub A-26
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T-4, [REDACTED] 3/8/52 b7d		3/17/52	HAROLD L. BOLT (orally)	66-2575 Sub A-62
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T-4, [REDACTED] b7d	Re subject and wife considered "good people" by Progressive leaders, this area	6/5/52	DeTEMPIE (orally)	66-2575 Sub A-90
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T-7, [REDACTED] b7d  
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Informant identified as such and information taken from report of SA W. P. HOLMAN, 7/16/42, entitled SIDNEY R. KATZ, IS-C, WFO 100-3189

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T-8, [REDACTED] b7d				Information taken from report of T. HAWTHORNE PHILLIPS re SIDNEY R. KATZ, 5/14/43
T-9 Anonymous source				
T-10, Postmaster, EGBERT F. TINGIEY, Hyattsville, Md., 1944				Information transmitted by Baltimore letter of 4/15/44 WFO 100-5587-7
T-11, [REDACTED] b7d				Information transmitted by Baltimore letter of 4/15/44 WFO 100-5587-7
T-12, [REDACTED] b7d	Attendance, Second Annual Youth Conference, 11/40	Early 1941		From report of SA M. J. CONNOLLY, 4/5/41, entitled American Youth Congress - C., WFO 100-1142-33
T-13 Anonymous source				
T-14, [REDACTED] b7d [REDACTED] b7d		Early 1941		From report of SA M. J. CONNOLLY, 4/23/41, entitled American Peace Mobilization, IS-C WFO 100-64-159

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T-15, [REDACTED]	Membership, Washington Book Shop	2/18/44		From report of SA JOHN A. SWARTZ, 4/18/44, entitled Washington Book Shop Association, IS-C WFO 100-1618-179
T-16 Anonymous source				
T-17, [REDACTED]	1/18/52	1/23/52	E. P. BROWN (by written report)	66-2498 1B1-23
T-17, [REDACTED]	2/17/52	2/20/52	E. P. BROWN (by written report)	66-2498 1B1-36
T-18, [REDACTED]				
T-19, [REDACTED]	(Give additional temporary symbol to further protect identity)			

The Washington Field Office obtained a photograph of a person believed to be the subject on December 8, 1951. A copy of this picture was displayed to Mrs. JOHN KNOY, 1100 46th Street, S.E., on February 15, 1952, who identified it as ABE SUROVELL of 1102 46th Street, Southeast.

It should be noted that a trash cover has been in effect on ABE and ESTHER SUROVELL's home since February 12, 1952. This cover has produced no pertinent information on the subject with the exception of information showing his full name to be ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL.

Information has been reported in the details of instant report as furnished by the subject. An explanation of the circumstances which brought about his being interviewed by Bureau Agents follows herewith:

These interviews were conducted in connection with the investigation of MORTON SOBELL, was., Espionage - R, WFO 101-2316. SUROVELL was first interviewed at the Washington Field Office on August 28, 1950, at which time he stated he had never known MORTON SOBELL. It was also at this time that he made his voluntary statement denying any Communist Party affiliations whatsoever on the part of himself and his wife.

SUROVELL was re-interviewed at the Washington Field Office on September 21, 1950, and repeated he had never known MORTON SOBELL. He added that he did not care to discuss membership in the Communist Party at that time.

SUROVELL's wife was contacted on October 2, 1950, and had no comment to make to representatives of the FBI. She suggested that her husband be consulted and upon recontact with subject, SUROVELL stated he could offer no further information and again declined to discuss membership in the Communist Party.

LEADSTHE NEW YORK DIVISIONAT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

By letter dated May 14, 1952, New York was requested to review subject's Naval military file. Will review this record and report pertinent information.

THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICEAT WASHINGTON, D. C.

FD-122 is being submitted at this time recommending SUROVELL for inclusion in the Security Index. Will follow any reported activity of subject pending Bureau's action on this recommendation.

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FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE JUL 18 1952	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11 & 12/51; 1-6/52	REPORT MADE BY JAMES D. HUPPERT JDH:lr
TITLE ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL aka Abraham Jack Surovell Abe Jack Surovell, Jack Surovell			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Confidential informants have advised that subject and wife, ESTHER SUROVELL, were known CP members in Washington, D. C.; subject's membership known to be effective in 1948. SUROVELL denied any past Party connections in August, 1950. Subject's brother-in-law and sister, with whom subject lived, also identified as closely affiliated with Communist Party. Connection with cited organizations reported. SUROVELL and wife have shown interest in local organizations characterized as dominated by local Communist Party element. Physical description set forth.

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FROM : *RJA* SAC, WFO (100-5587)

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL, aka.  
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DATE: August 14, 1952

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-5587)

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL, aka.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: October 29, 1952

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are five copies of the report of SA JAMES D. HUPPERT dated October 29, 1952, at Washington, D. C., concerning captioned individual.

WFO is also enclosing for the Bureau and the New York Field Division five copies and two copies respectively of amended administrative pages to the summary report of SA JAMES D. HUPPERT dated July 18, 1952, at Washington, D. C. Additional documentation information has been incorporated into these amended pages regarding information furnished the New York Office by MAX and HELENE ELITCHER. Copies of these pages have been placed in subject's file at WFO.

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TITLE <b>ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL, aka.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject's military service record reviewed. SUROVELL's service in the United States Navy from November 24, 1942, until February 16, 1946. FBI Identification Division maintains record on subject under number 171753 B. Subject and wife attended function of Washington Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights on July 27, 1952.

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*yes - NO  
cc - RAB  
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**DETAILS:**

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A. Military Service Record

The subject's Naval military record was reviewed at Naval Records Information Center, Garden City, New York, on June 23, 1952, by SA HERBERT R. COOPER. This record, concerning ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL, Serial Number 603-83-50, gives his date of birth as March 2, 1920, New York City. Both of SUROVELL's parents were born in Russia according to this file. The subject entered the United States Navy at Washington, D. C., on November 24, 1942, with the rank of Quartermaster, First Class, and was honorably discharged at Bainbridge, Maryland, on February 16, 1946, with the rank of Chief Specialist (X) (CT) (cartographic). Other background information regarding the subject

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as appearing in this file agrees with details already known, with the exception of the date and place of SUROVELL's marriage to ESTHER SHAICK. This information is shown as October 10, 1942, at Washington, D. C. District of Columbia marriage records have been checked, and no record of subject's marriage was located therein.

#### B. Identification Record

Records of the Identification Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, contain background information, including the fingerprint classification, on ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL under FBI Number 171753 B. Subject's date of birth is verified as March 2, 1920, at New York City, and the record does not indicate any arrest for the subject.

### II. MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

#### A. Washington Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights

On June 24, 1952, T-1, of known reliability, advised that captioned organization was dominated and controlled by the Communist Party, Washington, D. C. The informant based this opinion on the fact that all members of the Washington Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights were either Communist or in agreement with the Communist programs and policies.

On July 29, 1952, T-2, of known reliability, stated that the WCDBR gave a picnic on July 27, 1952, at 1241 Talbert Street, SE, Washington, D. C. Approximately 50 persons attended this affair, including subject and his wife, ESTHER SUROVELL.

T-1 also stated on August 14, 1952, that JACK SUROVELL and his wife, ESTHER, attended the above function on July 27, 1952. It was noted by T-1 that tickets were sold at the picnic for \$1 to anyone desiring to contribute financially to the Committee. It was reported that the sale of these tickets went very well among those present.

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The identity of confidential informants and documentation of information furnished by them is as follows:

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T-1 [REDACTED]	7/27/52 b7d	8/14/52	W.H. ANDERS & C.N. DE TEMPLE (orally)	[REDACTED] (agents notes)
T-2 [REDACTED]	7/27/52 b7d	7/29/52	W.H. ANDERS (written report)	[REDACTED] b7d

It is noted that information reported herein regarding the review of subject's military record was furnished WFO by New York letter dated July 17, 1952.

This investigation is being placed in a closed status by WFO inasmuch as there are no investigation leads outstanding, and the subject has been approved by the Bureau for placement in the Security Index.

REFERENCE: Report of SA JAMES D. HUPPERT dated July 18, 1952, at Washington, D.C.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION - ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-44638)

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-5587)

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL, aka.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: March 13, 1953

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5-5-53

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A. E. Leonard

cc - A. H. Belmont

Assistant Attorney General Warren G. Cline III  
Criminal Division

September 11, 1953

Director, FBI

ABRAHAM JACOB SHERVELL  
SECURITY MATTER - C.  
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Reference is made to your memorandum dated July 27, 1953, entitled "Max Elitcher, Espionage - R," your reference WFO:OR:tm, 146-41-15-144, and a memorandum from this Bureau dated August 4, 1953, concerning Elitcher.

Investigation at Washington fails to reveal that subject has held any Government position since his resignation from the Navy Department on June 27, 1947. Therefore, he has had no occasion to submit any forms of any description which would require him to either admit or deny Communist Party affiliation.

Unless advised otherwise by you, no additional investigation of this subject will be conducted at this time.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-44638)

DATE: August 31, 1953

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-5587)

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL  
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Rebulet 6-7-53 captioned "MAX ELITCHER, Espionage - R (Bureau File 101-2115)" requesting investigation to determine if certain individuals, identified by ELITCHER as members of the Communist Party, are presently employed by the Federal Government or whether any of these individuals have, within the past three years, had occasion to submit forms, either directly or indirectly, to the Federal Government in which membership in the Communist Party was denied or not admitted in response to specific questions thereon.

Civil Service Commission status records reflect that the last Federal Government employment of ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL, born 3-2-20, was by the Navy Department, Washington, D.C. at the Hydrographic Office from 2-9-42 to 12-1-42 when he was placed on military furlough. He returned to the same position on 2-18-46 and resigned on 6-27-47.

Current information in the files of WFO reflect that ABRAHAM SUROVELL is presently employed by the Federal Graphics, a private concern, located at 1129 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL  
WASHINGTON FIELD

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT <b>WASHINGTON, D. C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/22/53</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10/16,19/53</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>TOLLEF JACOBSON, JR. jb</b>
TITLE <b>ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL, aka, Abraham Jack Surovell, Abe Jack Surovell, Jack Surovell.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>

## SUMMARY REPORT

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Informants state subject and wife attended picnic sponsored by Washington Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights on July 27, 1952; a mass meeting sponsored by Progressive Party of D. C. on October 16, 1952, which meeting featured a speech by the Progressive Party candidate for Vice Presidency of the U. S.; and a meeting sponsored by the Prince Georges - Montgomery County (Md.) Progressive Party on September 15, 1953.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.:

I. BACKGROUND INFORMATIONA. Military Service Record

The subject's Naval military record was reviewed at the Naval Records Information Center, Garden City, New York, on June 23, 1952, by SA HERBERT R. COOPER. This record concerning ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL, Navy Serial Number 603-83-50, reflects that he was born March 2, 1920, at New York City, and that both of his parents were born in Russia. Subject entered the United States Navy at Washington, D. C. on November 24, 1942, as a Quartermaster First Class, and was honorably discharged at Bainbridge, Maryland, on February 16, 1946, with the rank of Chief Specialist (X) (CT) (Cartographic).

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B. Marital Status

The Navy file further indicated that subject SUROVELL was married to ESTHER SHAICK on October 10, 1942, at Washington, D. C. (It is noted that District of Columbia marriage records have previously been checked and no record of the subject's marriage was located)

C. Identification Record

Records of the Identification Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, contain background information, including the fingerprint classifications for ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL under FBI No. 171753B. The record does not indicate any arrest for the subject.

D. Employment

SA HOWARD M. DENNEY ascertained through personal observation on October 8, 1953, that the subject was still employed at Federal Graphics, Seventh Floor, 1129 Vermont Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., as a Draftsman.

E. Residences

The above mentioned identification record reflects the subject's residence as of August 21, 1941, as 17 Pryor Avenue, Tuxedo, Maryland. The September, 1953, Washington, D. C. telephone directory lists subject at 1102 46th Street, S. E.

II. ORGANIZATIONS

A. Washington Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights

T-1, of known reliability, stated that the Washington Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights gave a picnic on July 27, 1952, at 1241 Talbert Street, S. E., Washington, D. C. Informant stated that approximately fifty persons attended this picnic, including subject and his wife ESTHER SUROVELL.

T-2, of known reliability, also mentioned the presence of JACK SUROVELL and his wife, ESTHER, at the above mentioned picnic.

It is noted that T-2 stated in June, 1952, that the Washington Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights was dominated and controlled by the Communist Party of Washington, D. C.; the informant based this opinion

on the fact that all members of the Washington Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights were either Communist or in agreement with the Communist programs and policies. The Washington Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights has been cited by the Attorney General under Executive Order 10450.

B. Progressive Party

T-1, of known reliability, stated that JACK SUROVELL and ESTHER SUROVELL were among approximately 225 persons who attended a mass meeting sponsored by the Progressive Party of the District of Columbia held at Odd Fellows Hall, Ninth and T Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C., on October 16, 1952, which meeting featured a speech by CHARLOTTA BASS, Progressive Party candidate for the Vice Presidency of the United States.

It is noted that in November, 1952, T-2 stated that the current leaders of the Progressive Party of the District of Columbia were either Communists or Communist sympathizers, and that this organization had never, to the informant's knowledge, opposed any Communist Party issue or program. Informant stated that on occasions resolutions had been adopted by the Progressive Party of the District of Columbia which had been introduced by various individuals at the direction of the Communist Party.

T-1 stated that JACK SUROVELL and ESTHER SUROVELL were among an estimated fifty persons who attended a meeting sponsored by the Prince Georges - Montgomery County Progressive Party held upstairs over the Silver Spring Liquor Dispensary at Silver Spring, Maryland, on the evening of September 15, 1953. Informant stated that the main speaker at this meeting was the writer, CARL MARZANI.

T-3, of known reliability, also mentioned that the subject and ESTHER SUROVELL were present at the above mentioned meeting in Silver Spring.

It is noted that T-4, of known reliability, has stated that the Prince Georges - Montgomery County Progressive Party is affiliated with the Progressive Party of Maryland.

It is further noted that T-5, of known reliability, stated in September, 1949, that the Progressive Party of Maryland was dominated and controlled by District 4 of the Communist Party - USA, and was used to further the aims of the Communist Party; however, the informant stated that all members of the Progressive Party of Maryland were not necessarily members of the Communist Party.

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

T-2 stated that JACK SUROVELL and ESTHER SUROVELL were among the persons who attended a motion picture which was shown at the Georgetown Theater in Washington, D. C. on December 11, 1952, which was sponsored by the Polish Embassy and for which invitations were sent out based upon the Progressive Party mailing list.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

In rerep dated July 18, 1952, sets forth information furnished by HELENE ELITCHER, who is designated as T-2 in rerep and MAX ELITCHER, who is designated as T-3 in rerep, concerning Communist Party membership on the part of ABE and ESTHER SUROVELL. In this connection it is noted that MAX ELITCHER testified on July 7, 1953, in a closed (executive) hearing of the House Committee on Un-American Activities in New York City, at which time ELITCHER mentioned that among persons who had been included in the membership of the Navy Department cell of the Communist Party in Washington, D. C., sometime during the period from 1942 until the middle of 1948, were ABRAHAM SUROVELL and ESTHER SUROVELL.

The fact that ELITCHER testified as mentioned above should be kept confidential inasmuch as the testimony was given at a closed hearing of the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Information concerning this hearing was furnished by the New York Office by teletype dated July 7, 1953, captioned MAX ELITCHER; HELENE ELITCHER - Espionage - R.

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<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date of Activity and/or Description of Information</u>	<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Agent to whom Furnished</u>	<u>File Number Where Located</u>
T-1: [REDACTED] b7d	7/27/52	7/29/52	WINFRED H. ANDERS by written report	[REDACTED]
	10/16/52	10/21/52	WINFRED H. ANDERS by written report	[REDACTED]
	9/15/53	9/18/53	TOLLEF JACOBSON, JR. by written report	[REDACTED]
T-2: [REDACTED] b7d	7/27/52	8/14/52	WINFRED H. ANDERS and CARL M. de TEMPLE orally	[REDACTED] (agent's notes)

Washington Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights (used in characterization)

Progressive Party of D. C. (used in characterization)

	12/11/52	12/12/52	THOMAS C. RIES orally	[REDACTED] (agent's notes)
T-3: [REDACTED] b7d	9/15/53	9/30/53	SEYMOR FRED PHILLIPS (informant identified photograph)	100-5587-62

T-4: [REDACTED] Prince Georges-Montgomery County Progressive Party (used in characterization)

T-5: [REDACTED] Progressive Party of Maryland (used in characterization)

REFERENCE: Summary report of SA JAMES B. HUPPERT, Washington Field Office, July 18, 1952; report of SA JAMES B. HUPPERT, Washington Field Office, October 29, 1952.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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TITLE <b>ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL, aka, Abraham Jack Surovell, Abs Jack Surovell, Jack Surovell.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>

## SUMMARY REPORT

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WFO ID : AT WASHINGTON, D. C.:

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*Memo - Branigan to Belmont*

*11-9-53*

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ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL,  
also known as Abraham Jack  
Surovell, Abe Jack Surovell,  
Jack Surovell  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Abraham Jacob Surovell was born on March 2, 1920, at Brooklyn, New York. He presently resides at 1102 46th Street, S. E., Washington, D. C. He has been the subject of a security investigation since July, 1952, and is on the Security Index. A summary report was prepared by the Washington Field Office on July 18, 1952, and a supplemental summary was prepared on June 22, 1953. The case is now in a closed status.

Investigation reflects that subject was a member of the Communist Party, Washington, D. C., from 1943 to 1948. He has been closely associated with the following Communist Party-sponsored groups: American Youth Congress, American Peace Mobilization, Town Meeting of Youth, Washington Book Shop Association, Progressive Party, Washington, D. C., Emergency Committee To Defend Marie Richardson, and the Washington Committee To Defend The Bill of Rights.

During an interview with Max Elitcher, Elitcher identified Surovell as a member of the Navy Department cell of the Communist Party in Washington, D. C., from 1943 until 1948. Elitcher ceased his Party activities in August, 1948, and moved to New York City. He believed that Abraham Surovell was Chairman of the Navy Department cell at that time.

A review of subject's personnel file maintained by the Navy Department disclosed that Surovell was employed by the Navy Department on February 9, 1942 as an engineer. He was granted military leave on December 1, 1942, and he returned to his position with the Navy on February 18, 1946. He resigned his employment with the Navy on June 27, 1947, to accept a position in private industry. He is presently employed at Federal Graphics, 1129 Vermont Avenue, Washington, D. C.

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On August 28, 1950, Abraham Surovell was interviewed by Agents of the Washington Field Office. He said that he was not at that time and had never been a member of the Communist Party. He added that his wife, Esther, was not and had never been a member of the Communist Party. Surovell testified before the Southern District of New York Grand Jury, which was considering the allegations of espionage brought against one Martin Sobell. At that time, Surovell refused to answer any questions of the Grand Jury on grounds of possible self-incrimination.

In view of subject's Security Index status, copies of all investigative reports have been furnished to the Department. Reports were not previously disseminated to ONI as the subject has not been employed by the Navy since 1947, and ONI had no apparent interest.

Subject's identity and a synopsis of his activities, as well as his employment by the Navy were furnished to ONI in a report entitled "Communist Party, USA, District #4, Washington, D. C., (Navy Department cell) Internal Security - C." This report was dated May 22, 1953, and was furnished to ONI June 5, 1953. This report was also furnished to the Department.



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-44638)  
FROM : SAC, WFO (100-5587)  
SUBJECT: ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL, was.  
SM - C

DATE: November 25, 1953

Card U.I.D.

It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

X The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ALIASES \_\_\_\_\_

NATIVE BORN \_\_\_\_\_ NATURALIZED \_\_\_\_\_ ALIEN \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNIST \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY \_\_\_\_\_ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE \_\_\_\_\_

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) \_\_\_\_\_

Free-lance Draftsman and Artist, 1102-46th St. S. E., Washington,  
D. C. ✓

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Vital Facility List) \_\_\_\_\_

RESIDENCE ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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Di. [Signature]

Mr. A. H. Belmont

January 18, 1954

Mr. V. P. Keay

ABRAHAM SURVELL; ETHEL SURVELL; JEANETTE FINO;  
PAULINE COLLIER; FRANCIS JACOBSON; MARY HARRIS;  
Testimony Before Executive Session, U. S. House  
of Representatives, Committee on Un-American  
Activities (HCUA), 10-19-53

Washington Field Office, by letter dated 12-8-53,  
furnished transcript of testimony of the above-listed persons  
as given before an Executive Session of the HCUA on 10-19-53.  
Executive Session testimony is confidential and cannot be  
disseminated; however, this volume of testimony may be used  
in reports if the source is concealed by a "T" symbol.  
Testimony marked "T" NOT DISSEMINATE.

Abraham Survell, Bufile 100-44538; Ethel Survell,  
Bufile 100-376913; Fino, Bufile 100-339730; Goldman, Bufile  
100-364303; Jacobson, Bufile 100-369008; Harris, Bufile  
100-397542, testified before Executive Session, HCUA on 10-19-53.  
All the above persons admitted being former civilian employees  
of the United States Navy. Each person refused to testify  
concerning Communist Party membership, or activities.

Washington Field Office, by letter dated 12-22-53,  
advised that this volume of testimony had been reviewed and  
that the Baltimore Office had been furnished the testimony  
concerning Fino, inasmuch as she is a resident of Baltimore.

This testimony suggests no new leads as all  
information has been previously furnished the Bureau and has  
been handled.

DISSEMINATION:

File original of this memorandum and transcript of  
testimony, dated 10-19-53, in HCUA control file, 61-7352.

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cc: 100-376913

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cc: 100-397542

cc: Mr. Nichols

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-44638)

DATE: July 9, 1954

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-5587)

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL, KA.  
SM - C

The above case file is being opened in this office for the purpose of establishing a 30 day mail cover on the subject in an effort to determine the whereabouts of EVELYN ANNE ZIMMERMAN-HYAMS and JACOB S. HYAMS, key figure and security index subject of this office who left Washington, D.C., in June 1954, giving the subject's residence as a temporary forwarding address.

Upon the expiration of this mail cover, this case will be closed administratively in this office.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-44638)

DATE: 7/9/54

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-5587)  
*Sub*SUBJECT: ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL, AKA.  
SM - C

Authorization is requested for a mail cover.

Name: ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL (ESTHER) *1844*

Address: 1102 46th Street, S. E., Washington, D.C.

Type of Mail: First class only

Type of Cover: Name of addressee and return name and address

Period Covered: 30 days

Purpose of Cover: To determine whereabouts of EVELYN ANNE ZIMMERMAN HYAMS  
and JACOB S. HYAMS

## Justification:

(Comment on necessity,  
desirability, productivity,  
possibility of embarrassment  
to Bureau. If necessary

continue on extra page.) EVELYN HYAMS, a key figure, and husband JACOB S. HYAMS, a security index subject of WFO, left Washington, D. C., in 6/54 to take up residence in California and gave the above address as a temporary forwarding address. It is felt that the HYAMS will probably communicate with the SUROVELLS upon establishing a residence in California. It is believed that this cover will in no way embarrass the Bureau.

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Postmaster to whom  
form FD-115 will be

directed if authorized: ROY NORTH, Washington, D. C.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE**

REPORT MADE AT <b>WASHINGTON, D. C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/13/54</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11/4, 8, 10, 16, 23; 12/2, 3, 6/54</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>C. BENJAMIN FULTON</b> <span style="float: right;">hb</span>
TITLE <b>ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL, was.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

10-1,2,3

Subject employed at Atlantic Map Company, Washington, D. C. Subject's connection with Communist Party and members set forth. Reliable informants state SUROVELL active in functions and operations of various CP front groups and organizations. Subject's brother-in-law, HARRY SHAICH, believed by two individuals to be CP member in May 1951, or to have had prior CP connections; HARRY SHAICH in May 1951 resided with MAXWELL FINESTONE, identified as CP member in 1947. SUROVELL'S physical description set forth.

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ADD. DISSEMINATION.

**DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.:**

G.I.R. 3

All informants in this report are of known reliability unless designated otherwise.

**I. BACKGROUND**

**A. RESIDENCE**

Confidential Informant T-1 advised in November 1954 that the subject resides at 1102 46th Street, S. E. Washington, D. C., with his wife ESTHER SUROVELL. *nee Shaich*

**Mrs. Abraham Jacob Surovell**

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B. EMPLOYMENT

Confidential Informant T-2 advised in November 1953 that the subject terminated his employment with the Federal Graphics, 1129 Vermont Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D. C., in June 1953 and since that time the subject has been a free lance draftsman and artist, with headquarters at his residence, 1102 46th Street, Southeast, Washington, D. C.

Confidential Informant T-3 advised on November 4, 1954, that the subject is no longer employed as a free lance draftsman and artist but as of that date was working for the Atlantic Map Company, 817-820 Warner Building, 13th and F Streets, Northwest, Washington, D. C.

C. CREDIT

The files of the D. C. Credit Bureau, 1221 G Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., as reviewed by SE WALTER JAMES TOLSON on November 16, 1954, reflect the subject and his wife have a satisfactory credit rating as of January 14, 1954.

D. IDENTIFICATION RECORDS

The records of the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., reviewed on November 16, 1954, by SE C. GILMORE SNOWDEN, reflect that ABE JACK SUROVELL, born March 2, 1920, at New York with residence at 1102 46th Street, Southeast, Washington, D. C., was charged on November 20, 1953, with having an unleashed dog and fined \$10.

Traffic records of the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., supra, show the subject was charged with fourteen parking violations from August 28, 1947, to April 10, 1954, and paid fines ranging from \$3 to \$5 per charge.

The records of the Identification Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, list ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL, FBI number as 171-753 B with fingerprint classification as follows:

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II. CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND  
ORGANIZATIONS WITH COMMUNIST PARTY  
AFFILIATIONS

A. COMMUNIST PARTY

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Confidential Informant T-4 advised in January 1954 that the subject and his wife ESTHER SUROVELL



b7D

The "Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist Party daily publication.

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised in February 1953 that EVELYN HYAMS was a current member of the CP in Washington, D. C. b7D

B. PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF THE DISTRICT OF  
COLUMBIA

Confidential Informant T-4 stated in February 1952 that the leaders of the Progressive Party of the District of Columbia were either Communist or Communist Party sympathizers, and stated that this organization has never, to his knowledge, opposed any CP issues or programs. The informant stated that on occasions, resolutions have been adopted by the Progressive Party of the District of Columbia which have been introduced by various individuals at the direction of the CP.

Confidential Informant T-5 advised in October 1953 that on October 25, 1953, the 5th Annual Convention of the Progressive Party of the District of Columbia was held at Odd Fellows Temple, 9th and T Streets, Northwest, Washington, D. C. The informant stated that in attendance at this meeting was ESTHER SUROVELL who was a representative of the Northeast Club of the Progressive Party to the Executive Board. The informant advised that ABE SUROVELL was also in attendance at this meeting.

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Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised in November 1953 that while he knew the subject to be a member of the Progressive Party North East Club, Washington, D. C., he did not know SUROVELL as a member of the CP. This informant reconfirmed b7D this statement in November 1954.

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised in January 1954 that on December 31, 1953, a New Years Eve party was held by the South East Club of the Progressive Party at 1202 Mississippi Avenue, Southeast. The informant stated that the subject was one of those in attendance at this meeting. b7D

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that he knew ABE SUROVELL to be a member of a city wide Peace Committee of the Progressive Party of the District of Columbia as of November 25, 1953. b7D

Confidential Informant T-7 advised that on February 19, 1954, a meeting of the Progressive Party was held at the Meridian Hill Baptist Church, 1725 Kalorama Road, Northwest, at which the main address was given Doctor W. E. B. DUBOIS. The informant stated that an automobile belonging to the subject with District of Columbia license A-4463 was observed stopping at the above location and discharging occupants who were seen entering the church. These individuals were not identified by the informant.

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] has identified Doctor W. E. B. DUBOIS as a member of the Communist Party in 1945. b7D

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that the subject and his wife, ESTHER SUROVELL, attended the above meeting at the Meridian Hill Baptist Church. The informant stated that JOSEPH FORER acted as Chairman of this meeting. b7D

Confidential Informant T-9 has advised that JOSEPH FORER furnished legal counsel to GERHART EISLER and JACOB STACHEL, CP members. In May 1950, FORER represented EUGENE DENNIS, National Secretary of the CP USA in the United States District Court in Washington, D. C., in a Contempt of Congress charge.



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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised in June 1954 that on June 12, 1954, a party called a "hoedown" was held at Odd Fellows Hall, 9th and T Streets, Northwest, Washington, D. C., and was sponsored by the Progressive Party of the District of Columbia. The informant advised that approximately one hundred persons were in attendance, and that the subject and his wife were among those present. b7D

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised in June 1954 that the subject was in attendance at a "hoedown" sponsored by the Progressive Party of the District of Columbia on June 12, 1954, at Odd Fellows Hall, 9th and T Streets, Northwest, Washington, D. C. b7D

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the Progressive Party obtained a number of tickets to the September 22, 1954, performance of "The Crucible" at the Arena Stage at Washington, D. C., as a money making venture. [redacted]

[redacted] The informant advised the subject and his wife were among those in attendance at the performance on the night of September 22, 1954. b7D

Confidential Informant T-10 advised that on December 5, 1953, he observed a number of persons entering the location at 4402 Georgia Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D. C., where a bazaar, sponsored by the Progressive Party of the District of Columbia, was being held. The informant stated that occupants, two or three in number, who were discharged from an automobile bearing District of Columbia license plates A-4463 were observed entering this location. It is noted that the above license plates are registered to the subject.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject was one of the District of Columbia Progressive Party members who [redacted]

[redacted] were published by the Progressive Party of Maryland, 612 W. North Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland. b7D

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Confidential Informant T-11 advised that the subject was one of those in attendance at a Progressive Party of the District of Columbia meeting held at 4402 Georgia Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D. C., on October 22, 1954. The informant stated the meeting was primarily for the election of officers and that ABE BLOOM was elected Chairman.

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised in May 1943 that BLOOM was a member of the New Jersey Shore Branch of the CP in 1943. b7D

C. WASHINGTON FREEDOM OF THE PRESS  
COMMITTEE

The "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist daily newspaper, issue of November 25, 1952, in an article on Page 1 entitled "Wash. \$817 Puts Us at Halfway Mark", described a party given in honor of ROB HALL, Washington representative of the "Daily Worker" and his wife MICKEY. The article stated that this party, which was given in honor of the HALLS, "set up on an organized basis, a Freedom of the Press Committee in the Nation's Capitol which will be devoted to fighting for the right of the working class, peace press to publish....."

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised in November 1953 the subject was in attendance at a mass meeting sponsored by the Washington Freedom of the Press Committee held at the Inspiration House, 1867 Kalorama Road, Northwest, on November 13, 1953. The informant stated that the main speaker at the meeting was JOE CLARK, a former "Daily Worker" correspondent in Moscow, who talked on his travels in the U.S.S.R. b7D

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised in November 1953 that the subject was in attendance at the above described meeting sponsored by the Washington Freedom of the Press Committee at the Inspiration House, 1867 Kalorama Road, Northwest, Washington, D. C. b7D

Confidential Informant T-14 advised in March 1954 that on March 26, 1954, a meeting sponsored by the Freedom of the Press Committee was held at the Inspiration House, 1867

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Kalorama Road, Northwest, Washington, D. C., at which AENOR BERRY, Daily Worker columnist, was the main speaker. The informant advised that the subject's automobile with District of Columbia plates A-4463 was observed parked in the vicinity of the above location. Upon conclusion of the meeting, the informant observed four unidentified females leave the Inspiration House and drive away in the subject's automobile.

D. ROSENBERG - SOBELL COMMITTEE OF WASHINGTON, D. C.

Confidential Informant T-15 stated in 1953 that the New York headquarters of the Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG - SOBELL Case was advised that the ROSENBERG - SOBELL Committee of Washington, D. C., was formed for the purpose of continuing the fight to vindicate the ROSENBERGS; to free MORTON SOBELL and to establish a fund for the ROSENBERG children. SYLVIA BERNSTEIN represented this local Committee at the National Conference of the Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG - SOBELL case in Chicago in October 1953.

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised in February 1953 that SYLVIA BERNSTEIN was a current member of the CP. b7D

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were convicted on March 29, 1951, of conspiring to commit espionage and were executed for the same charge on June 19, 1953. SOBELL, a codefendant, was sentenced to thirty years in prison.

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised in April 1954 that on April 7, 1954, a meeting of the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL was held at Odd Fellows Hall, 9th and T Streets, Northwest, Washington, D. C., with approximately one hundred persons attending. The informant stated the subject was one of those present at this meeting.

[REDACTED] The informant stated that Doctor ROYAL WILBUR FRANCE was the principal speaker. b7D

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Doctor FRANCE, former professor at Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida, was one of the attorneys who argued the appeal of six defendants of Baltimore, Maryland, who were convicted under the Smith Act.

Confidential Informant T-16 advised a meeting sponsored by the ROSENBERG - SOBELL Committee of Washington, D. C., was held July 1, 1954, at the residence of ABE BLOOM, 1202 Mississippi Avenue, Southeast, Washington, D. C. The informant advised that two unidentified females were observed entering the above residence after arriving in an automobile bearing District of Columbia plates A-4463. It is noted that this registration is listed to the subject, SUROVELL, with residence at 1102 46th Street, Southeast.

E. COMMITTEE TO DEFEND MARIE RICHARDSON

The Committee to Defend MARIE RICHARDSON has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

In February 1952, Confidential Informant T-4 advised that the majority of the members of this Committee were Communist, and that the Committee was controlled and nominated by the CP.

[REDACTED] Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., advised that the subject and his wife were in attendance at a party held for the benefit of MARIE RICHARDSON on January 12, 1952, at 641 4th Street, Northeast, Washington, D. C. [REDACTED] stated that EMMA ROBINSON, 78 U Street, Northeast, Washington, D. C., was arrested on a charge of violating regulations of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. b7D

In 1954 Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that EMMA ROBINSON was a current CP member in the District of Columbia. b7D

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised in November 1953 that on November 8, 1953, a party was given at the home of ISADOR and ESTAR PASKOFF, 8410 Tahona Drive, Silver Spring, MD.

MRS. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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Maryland [REDACTED]

The informant advised that the subject and his wife were in attendance at the above described affair. b7D

ISADOR and ESTAR PASKOFF will be identified subsequently in instant report.

F. WASHINGTON JEWISH CHILDREN'S SCHOOL

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] stated in September 1953 that the Washington Jewish Children's School was considered to be operated or controlled by the International Workers Order and is located at 4402 Georgia Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D. C. It is noted that this is also the location of the Jewish Cultural Center. b7D

The IWO and the Jewish Cultural Center, 4402 Georgia Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D. C., both have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised in September 1953 that a picnic for the benefit of the Washington Jewish Children's School, 4402 Georgia Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D. C., was held at the residence of ISADOR and ESTAR PASKOFF, 8410 Tahona Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland, on September 20, 1954. b7D

Confidential Informant T-18 advised in September 1953 a picnic was held at the residence of ISADOR and ESTAR PASKOFF, 8410 Tahona Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland, and that the subject was one of those in attendance at this affair. The informant advised that there were approximately sixty to eighty individuals present.

Confidential Informant T-19, of unknown reliability, advised in October 1953 that he was in a position to observe a picnic conducted at 8410 Tahona Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland, on September 20, 1953. The informant stated that he took the license numbers of automobiles whose occupants, according to the informant, attended this picnic. Among those listed by the informant was District of Columbia Registration Number A-4463 which is listed to the subject.

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Confidential Informant T-20 advised in January 1952 that ESTAR PASKOFF was a teacher of the kindergarten class at the Washington Jewish Children's School, 4402 Georgia Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D. C.

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised in June 1952, that in the past, ESTAR and ISADOR PASKOFF were frequently seen at CP meetings and functions, and the informant knew them to be CP members as of June 1952. The informant further advised in February 1953 that ESTAR PASKOFF was a current member of the CP. b7D

Confidential Informant T-13 advised in March 1953 that ESTAR PASKOFF was a current member of the CP.

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised in February 1954 that ISADOR PASKOFF was a current member of the CP, whose activities were for the most part confined to Maryland. b7D

#### G. MISCELLANEOUS

##### (1) Activity of Relatives of the Subject

On January 18, 1952, Mrs. DAVID J. SHAICH, 16 Marmon Terrace, West Orange, New Jersey, advised SA JOHN R. LYONS that ESTHER SUROVELL, 1102 46th Street, Southeast, Washington, D. C., is her daughter and that HARRY SHAICH is her son.

Mr. FRANK JONAS and Mr. MORRIS SZIMMERMAN, 173 West End Avenue, New York, New York, on May 17, 1951, advised SA ROBERT F. ROYAL that they both believed that HARRY SHAICH is either now or has been a member of the CP. They both based this opinion on conversations had with HARRY SHAICH and from information received from unrecalled neighborhood sources with respect to SHAICH. Mr. JONAS and Mr. SZIMMERMAN both further advised that HARRY SHAICH at that time resided with MAX FINESTONE on the top floor rear apartment at 173 West End Avenue, New York City.

Confidential Informant T-21 advised in March 1948 that MAX FINESTONE in 1947 held CP membership card 43554.

(2) Other Activities of Subject

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It is noted that the 1954 Washington, D. C. City Directory lists ABE J. SURQVELL as the resident at 1102 46th Street, Southeast, Washington, D. C.

(3) Informants

Confidential Informants [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] contacted November 16, 1954, and Confidential Informant [REDACTED] contacted December 3, 1954, all who are cognizant of the activities of the subject, advised that they could offer no additional information concerning recent activities of the subject or any other information not previously reported. b7D

III. DESCRIPTION

The following is a description of the subject as obtained from the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on October 8, 1952, and by personal observation by the writer on November 16, 1954:

Age:	34
Height:	5' 8"
Weight:	150 pounds
Build:	Medium
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Brown
Complexion:	Ruddy
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Citizenship:	American
Miscellaneous:	Wears glasses, prominent nose

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T-1: Physical surveillance	To verify residence	11/16/54	C. BENJAMIN FULTON, CARROLL M. GARNETT	100-5587-101
T-2: [REDACTED] b7d	Re employment change of subject	11/23/53	JOSEPH A. CONNORS, JR.	100-5587-68
T-3: Physical surveillance	Re subject's employment	11/4/54	LYMAN G. HAILEY, ROBERT TORRENCE	100-5587-95
T-4: [REDACTED] b7d	Re PP DC leaders are CP members	2/25/52	WILLIAM D. TEMPLE	100-20866
"	[REDACTED] b7d			
"	[REDACTED] b7d			
"	[REDACTED] b7d			
"	[REDACTED] b7d		THOMAS C. RIES	[REDACTED] Sub A
"	[REDACTED] b7d			100-5587-71
"	[REDACTED] b7d			



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T-4 [REDACTED] b7d	[REDACTED]	b7d		
"	[REDACTED]	b7d	THOMAS C. RIES	
"	[REDACTED]	b7d	"	b7d
"	[REDACTED]	b7d	"	[REDACTED]
"	[REDACTED]	b7d	"	100-16-B6-236
"	[REDACTED]	b7d	"	100-5587-103
"	[REDACTED]	b7d	"	100-5587-103
"	[REDACTED]	b7d		b7D
T-5: [REDACTED] b7d	[REDACTED]	b7d	SEYMOR F. PHILLIPS, TOLLEF JACOBSON, JR. (orally)	[REDACTED]
"	Re subject attend- ing PP DC meeting	10/27/53	SEYMOR F. PHILLIPS	[REDACTED]
"	[REDACTED]	b7d	"	[REDACTED]
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T-5: [REDACTED] b7d	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SEYMOR F. PHILLIPS (typewritten report)	[REDACTED] b7d
" [REDACTED] b7d	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	TOLLEF JACOBSON, JR. (typewritten report)	[REDACTED] b7d
" [REDACTED] b7d	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	TOLLEF JACOBSON, JR. (typewritten report)	[REDACTED] b7d
" [REDACTED] b7d	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	"	[REDACTED] b7d
" [REDACTED] b7d	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	TOLLEF JACOBSON, JR.	[REDACTED] instant r b7D
T-6 [REDACTED] b7d	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	ROBERT TORRENCE (handwritten report)	[REDACTED] b7D
" [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	"	[REDACTED]

Re recent activities of subject 12/3/54

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T-7: Physical surveillance	Re subject's attendance PP DC party	2/19/54	VINCENT M. CROWLEY, WILLIAM C. CARROLL	100-5587-81
T-8 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]			100-11830-55 Page 2
T-9 WF 516-S*	(Used in characterization)			
T-10: Physical surveillance	12/5/53	12/5/53	LYMAN G. HAILEY	100-20866-1110
T-11: Physical surveillance	10/22/54	10/22/54	WILLIAM T. FORSYTH	100-5587-100
T-12: Highly confidential source of Newark	Re CP membership of ABE BLOOMBERG	5/28/43		Report of SA HENRY WOOD dated 2/25/44
T-13: [REDACTED]	Re CP membership of ESTAR PASKOFF	3/30/53	LANDON L. MC DOWELL	100-14445-356
" [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		THOMAS C. RIES	[REDACTED]
" [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		THOMAS C. RIES (hand-written report)	[REDACTED]

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T-13 [REDACTED] b7d	Re recent activities of subject	11/16/54	THOMAS C. RIES	instant report
T-14: Physical surveillance	Re subject's activities in Freedom of Press Committee	3/26/54	RAYMOND L. O'KELLY, DONALD C. JACOBSON	100-5587-83
T-15: WF 822-S	(Used in characterization)			
T-16: Physical surveillance	Re subject's connection with ROSENBERG-SOBELL Committee	7/1/54	PHILIP H. WILSON, EDWARD F. DALY	100-5587-88
T-17 [REDACTED] b7d	[REDACTED]		SEYMOR F. PHILLIPS	100-1149-592
T-18: Physical surveillance	9/20/53	9/20/53	TOLLEF JACOBSON, JR., EUGENE J. GARBUTT	100-1149-579
T-19: [REDACTED] b7d	Re Washington Jewish Children's School picnic	10/5/53	PAUL E. MORRISON	100-1149-589

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[REDACTED]	Ref to an announcement by the Washington Jewish Children's School	1/30/52	KENNETH P. GLENNON	100-14445-1A

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T-21: Anonymous source

[REDACTED]	Ref to letter with return address of subject's residence	12/18/63	MALCOLM G. MUELLER	100-5587-78
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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

It is pointed out that MAXWELL FINESTONE, who roomed with the subject's brother-in-law, HARRY SHAICH, in May 1951 at 173 West End Avenue, New York City, is the subject of an espionage investigation, New York origin, New York file 65-15735 and Bureau file 65-60203.

In the report of SA ROBERT F. ROYAL at New York captioned MAXWELL FINESTONE, was., Espionage - R dated August 7, 1951, Page 117, it is reported a telephone toll call was made April 12, 1951, from Washington, D. C., Number Victor 4046 listed to A. SUROVELL, 1102 46th Street, Southeast, to TR 3-3104 New York City which number was subscribed to by HARRY SHAICH and MAX FINESTONE. This information was furnished by Confidential Source New York City 2. The significance of this communication and the individual making the call was not known.

The subject is currently included in the Security Index file of WFO, and the data appearing on the SI card is current.

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REFERENCE

Report of SA TOLLEF JACOBSON, JR., dated October  
22, 1953.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE**

REPORT MADE AT <b>WASHINGTON, D. C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/13/54</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11/4, 8, 10, 16, 23; 12/2, 3, 6/54</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>C. BENJAMIN FULTON</b> <span style="float: right;">bb</span>
TITLE  <b>ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL, was.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject employed at Atlantic Map Company, Washington, D. C. Subject's connection with Communist Party and members set forth. Reliable informants state SUROVELL active in functions and operations of various CP front groups and organizations. Subject's brother-in-law, HARRY SHAICH, believed by two individuals to be CP member in May 1951, or to have had prior CP connections; HARRY SHAICH in May 1951 resided with MAXWELL FINESTONE, identified as CP member in 1947. SUROVELL'S physical description set forth.

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**DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.:**

All informants in this report are of known reliability unless designated otherwise.

**I. BACKGROUND**

**A. RESIDENCE**

Confidential Informant T-1 advised in November 1954 that the subject resides at 1102 46th Street, S. E., Washington, D. C., with his wife ESTHER SUROVELL.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES		
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-44638)  
FROM : SAC, WFO (100-5587)  
SUBJECT: ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL, WAS.  
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DATE: November 10, 1954

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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

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DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) \_\_\_\_\_

✓ Atlantic Map Company, 817-820 Warner Building

13th &amp; H Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C.

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Vital Facility List)

RESIDENCE ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-44638)

DATE: January 28, 1955

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-5587)

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL, was.  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-44636)

DATE: February 17, 1955

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-5587)

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM JACOB B SURVELL, was  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Two informants of known reliability advised subject and his wife, ESTHER, were CP members during the period 1943-1948. Reliable informants reported that SURVELL attended an American Youth Congress (AYC) conference in 1940 and was on the active indices of the American Peace Mobilization (APM) of 1941. During the early 1940's, subject was an active member of the Washington Book Shop Association and, according to advice from a reliable informant, was still active in this organization in December, 1947.

Bureau Agents interviewed SURDVELL on August 28, 1950, at which time he denied CP membership, past or present, on the part of himself or his wife. He stated he had no friends or associates who, to his knowledge, were CP members. He admitted attending a meeting of the AYD in 1940 or 1941 and affirmed he had been a member of the Washington Book Shop from 1942 to 1946. Subject explained he had requested his name be removed from the membership list of this organization when he heard it had been cited as a CP front group. SURDVELL furnished the above information to Bureau Agents in a statement which he refused to sign.

Reliable informants advised that subject attended a film sponsored by the Polish Embassy on December 11, 1952; also that he had been in contact with the Rumanian Legation in December, 1953.

According to reliable informants, during the period 1942-1954, SUROVELL attended functions of the Washington Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights; the Committee to Defend Marie Richardson and other CP controlled or dominated organizations.

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Subject, a member of the Progressive Party of DC in 1953-54, according to reliable informants, has been active in the PP-DC during the period of 1952-54 and, in October, 1954,  
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A reliable informant stated in 1954 that subject and <sup>b7D</sup>  
his wife [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] <sup>b7D</sup>

The organizations mentioned above have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to E. O. 10450. A reliable informant has reported that leaders of the PP-DC were either CP members or sympathizers and, according to informant's knowledge, this organization never has opposed any CP issues or programs.

In view of the above facts, it is recommended SURO VELL be retained on the Security Index. He is not being recommended for DETCOM tabbing.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-44638)

DATE: MAY 6 1955

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-5587)

**SUBJECT:** ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL, was  
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## REFERENCE

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SUCCINCT RESUME OF CASE

Two reliable informants advised on 2/18/52 and 1/23/52 that subject and his wife, ESTHER, were CP members during the period 1943 - 1948.

A reliable informant advised in early 1941 that subject attended an annual Youth Conference sponsored by the American Youth Congress (AYC) on 11/1,2,3/40. A reliable informant advised in early 1941 that subject was a member of the American Peace Mobilization (APM) in 1941. The AYC and APM have been designated by the Attorney General of the U. S. pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A reliable informant stated on 1/11/54 that subject and his wife [REDACTED]

Two reliable informants advised 2/10/44 and in 1948 that EUROVELL was an active member of the Washington Book Shop (WBS) as of 9/5/42 and 12/13/47, respectively. The WBS has been designated by the Attorney General of the U. S. pursuant to EO 10450.

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A reliable informant advised 1/23/52, subject attended a Progressive Party of District of Columbia (PPDC) meeting on 1/16/52. Another reliable informant advised 2/15/52, that SUROVELL attended a PPDC party on 2/9/52. One of the above informants advised 10/21/52 that subject and his wife attended a mass meeting sponsored by PPDC 10/16/52. This informant and another reliable informant stated on 9/18/53 and 9/30/53, respectively, that SUROVELL attended a meeting sponsored by the Prince Georges-Montgomery Counties Progressive Party at Silver Spring, Maryland, on 9/15/53. One reliable informant stated the Prince Georges-Montgomery Counties PP is affiliated with the Progressive Party of Maryland. Another reliable informant advised in 9/49 that PP-Md is dominated and controlled by District 4 of the CP, and was used to further the aims of the CP. A reliable informant advised 10/27/53 subject attended an annual convention of PPDC on 10/25/53. Another reliable informant stated in 11/53 and 11/16/54 that subject was member of PPDC's Northeast Club. Another reliable informant advised 1/4/54 that SUROVELL attended a New Year's Eve party of Southeast Club of PPDC held 12/31/53. One of above informants advised SUROVELL was member of City-Wide Peace Committee of PPDC as of 11/25/53. Two reliable informants stated in 2/54 that subject attended a meeting sponsored by PPDC on 2/19/54. Two of the above informants stated on 6/16/54 and 6/18/54 that subject attended a "Hoedown" sponsored by the PPDC on 6/12/54. One of the above informants stated on 9/24/54 and 11/1/54 that subject attended an affair sponsored by the PPDC on 9/22/54 and [REDACTED] at Baltimore, Md. Another reliable informant advised 10/22/54 that subject attended a PPDC meeting on that date. b7D

It is noted a reliable informant advised on 2/25/52 that the leaders of the PPDC were either Communist Party members or CP sympathizers. The informant stated that the PPDC has never, to his knowledge, opposed any CP issues or Programs.

The subject's name appeared among a list of persons published by the "Afro-American" newspaper on 1/19/52 whom the paper stated attended a benefit party sponsored by The Emergency Committee to Defend MARIE RICHARDSON (ECDMR) on 1/12/52. A reliable informant advised 2/20/52 that subject attended a mass meeting of the ECDMR on 2/17/52. Another reliable informant

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advised [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] subject attended meeting of ECDNR on 11/8/53. The ECDNR has been designated by the Attorney General of the U. S. pursuant to EO 10450. b7D

A reliable informant stated in 6/52 subject attended a mass meeting of the Washington Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights (WCDBR) on 5/27/52. Two reliable informants advised on 7/29/52 and 8/14/52 that subject attended a picnic sponsored by the WCDBR on 7/27/52. The WCDBR has been designated by the Attorney General of the U. S. pursuant to EO 10450.

A reliable informant advised 4/8/54 SUROVELL attended a meeting on 4/7/54 of the ROSENBERG-SOBELL Committee of Washington, D. C., (RSCWDC) a group which seeks vindication of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and freedom of MORTON SOBELL, convicted espionage agents. Another reliable informant advised 7/1/54 that subject attended a meeting of RSCWDC on 7/1/54.

Bureau Agents interviewed SUROVELL on August 28, 1950, at which time he denied CP membership, past or present, on the part of himself or his wife. He stated he had no friends or associates who, to his knowledge, were CP members. He admitted attending a meeting of the AYC in 1940 or 1941 and affirmed he had been a member of the Washington Bookshop from 1942 to 1946. Subject explained he had requested his name be removed from the membership list of this organization when he heard it had been cited as a CP front group. SUROVELL furnished the above information to Bureau Agents in a statement which he refused to sign.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

Retain on Security Index.

There is no information of subject's membership or participation in the activities of a basic revolutionary organization within the last five years. However, there is substantial information of SUROVELL's participation in the PPDC

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within the last three years. It is noted one reliable informant identified SUROVELL as a member of the City-Wide Peace Committee or PPDC as of 11/25/53. The PPDC has been described by a reliable informant as being infiltrated and dominated by the CP. Further there is reliable information that subject participated in the affairs of three other Communist front groups within the last three years. These groups have been cited by the Attorney General. This information is believed sufficient to retain SUROVELL on Security Index under criteria set forth in referenced letter.

DETCOM TABBING

*agreed  
p/18*

1. SUROVELL is not tabbed for priority apprehension.
2. By letter dated 2/17/55 WFO recommended he not be tabbed. This recommendation is based on the fact that SUROVELL's activities do not come within the purview of SAC Letter 55-12(A).



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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-44638)

DATE: November 9, 1955

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-5587)

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM JACOB SUCOVEIL  
SM-C

Card U.T.D.

11-16-55 *re*

It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

X The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ALIASES \_\_\_\_\_

*9-55  
11-21-55  
11-16-55*

NATIVE BORN \_\_\_\_\_ NATURALIZED \_\_\_\_\_ ALIEN \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNIST \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY \_\_\_\_\_ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE \_\_\_\_\_

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

TAB FOR DETCOM \_\_\_\_\_ TAB FOR COMSAB \_\_\_\_\_ RACE \_\_\_\_\_ SEX \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) \_\_\_\_\_

✓ Atlantic Man Company, Room 1101 Warner Building, 13th and E

Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C.

## KEY FACILITY DATA:

GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ RESPONSIBILITY \_\_\_\_\_

INTERESTED AGENCIES \_\_\_\_\_

RESIDENCE ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-44638)

DATE: 11/29/55

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-5587)

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM JACK SUROVELL, was.  
SM - C  
OO: WFO

Re WFO airtel 8/26/55 captioned [REDACTED]  
SM - C (Bufile 101-1169), in which ABRAHAM SUROVELL is listed as  
an individual believed by [REDACTED] (protect identity) to  
have been a CP member when interviewed 8/25/55. b7d

When photo and description of subject were furnished  
[REDACTED] in subsequent interview, she stated subject was not  
individual she knew. b7d

When interviewed 9/13/55 [REDACTED] furnished a signed  
statement identifying SA SUROVELL. [REDACTED]  
This info is included in  
report SA JAMES D. HOPPER dated 11/15/55 at WFO, captioned  
SAMUEL SUROVELL, aka; SM - C. b7d

Above for completion of Bufiles.

RCP:vlr  
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1 - Bureau (101-1169)  
1 - WFO (121-34) [REDACTED] b7d

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TITLE <b>ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER</b>

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Sizoo	_____
Mr. Winterrowd	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

**SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR  
ADD. DISSEMINATION.**

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**ABRAHAM SUROVELL** resides with his wife, **ESTHER**, at 1102 46th Street, S. E., D.C.; and is employed Atlantic Map Company, Room 1101 Warner Building, 13th and E Street, N. W., D. C. Subject known by T-1 as registered member of PP DC, 1954. T-2 advised subject attended three PP affairs in 1955. Informant reported subject attended farewell party at home of **HELEN** and **IRVING WINIK** in honor of **HELEN** and **BILL SHONICK** and others on 10/8/55. **HELEN** and **IRVING WINIK** and **HELEN** and **BILL SHONICK** identified by informant in 3/53 as CP members in D. C. area at that time. No additional pertinent information regarding subject in files of MPD, U. S. Park Police, or HCUA. Various informants, who have some knowledge of Communist front activities in D. C. area, had no additional pertinent information regarding subject.

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O-1 WFO*

**DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**I. BACKGROUND**

**A. Residence**

On November 7, 1955, Mrs. **JOHN W. KNOX**, 1100 46th Street, S. E., advised that **ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL**

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REQ. REC'D	_____
DATE FORW.	<i>12-7-55</i>
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and his wife, ESTHER ~~ABRAHAM~~ SUROVELL, reside next door to her at 1102 46th Street, S. E. Mrs. KNOX advised that during the past year she has learned of no activity or statements on the part of the subject or his wife which would indicate any adherence to Communist ideology or which would indicate any attitude contrary to the best interests of the United States.

B. Employment

 67E on November 9, 1955, it was established that ABRAHAM SUROVELL is employed at the Atlantic Map Company, Room 1101, Warner Building, 13th and E Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C.

C. Credit

The files of The Credit Bureau, Incorporated, 1221 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., as reviewed by SE NICHOLAS R. MANFREDA on November 9, 1955, reflected that the subject and his wife had a satisfactory credit rating as of January 14, 1954, and contained no additional information.

II. CONNECTIONS WITH COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATIONS

T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 10, 1955, that the subject was registered as a member of the Progressive Party in the District of Columbia (PP DC) in 1954.

The National Committee, Communist Party, USA, in issuing its final text of the "Resolution Growing Out of the Presidential Elections" in "Political Affairs," issue of July, 1953, states in substance that in 1948, the Communist Party helped stimulate the formation of the Progressive Party and correctly supported the Progressive Party through the 1952 elections. It then states:

"However, the mistake our Party made was to confuse this task with the historical task of forming a new mass party of the people. As a consequence, there existed the wrong estimate that the formation of the Progressive Party represented something more than the simple emergence of an important fighting force for peace; that it represented the emergence of a mass people's Party."

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As a result of this reasoning, the resolution concludes that the "Progressive Party, the Communist Party and other Communist forces" must unite in a broad mass-front coalition.

Concerning "Political Affairs," mentioned above, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, a convicted party functionary, testified in the case entitled "United States versus ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, et al," on October 20, 1952, that "Political Affairs" has been the theoretical organ of the Communist Party since the publication's beginning in 1945.

The Communist Party (CP) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-1 advised on January 31, 1955, that the leaders of the PP DC were either CP members or sympathizers, who never, to the informant's knowledge, opposed any CP issue or program, and who have on occasion adopted resolutions introduced at the direction of the CP.

On the evening of April 16, 1955, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed two couples emerge from the subject's automobile, a 1953 Plymouth bearing Washington, D.C. license AJ 1506, in the vicinity of 8321 Tahona Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland. The two couples were observed to enter the residence at 8321 Tahona Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland. During the course of the evening, more than twenty other persons were observed entering the same residence.

[REDACTED]

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On May 23, 1955, T-2 advised that ABE SUROVELL attended a "hoedown" on Wednesday evening, May 18, 1955, at Odd Fellows Hall, 9th and T Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C., sponsored by the PP DC.

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T-2 advised on October 12, 1955, that on the evening of October 8, 1955, ABE and ESTHER SUROVELL were among the guests of approximately one hundred persons, who attended a farewell party at the home of HELEN and IRVING WINIK, 3900 Mc Kinley Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., in honor of HELEN and BILL SHONICK and FLORENCE and SOL TABOR, both of which couples were planning to leave Washington, D. C., in the near future.

HELEN and IRVING WINIK and HELEN and BILL SHONICK were identified by T-1 in February, 1953, as current members of the CP in the Washington, D. C. area at that time.

T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in March, 1953, that SOL TABOR was known to him in approximately 1951, as a member of the CP in the Washington, D. C. area.

### III. MISCELLANEOUS

The records of the following agencies were checked by the Special Employees listed below on the dates indicated; with no additional pertinent information concerning the subject being located:

Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., by SE JOSEPH C. WILLIAMS on November 9, 1955.

Special Investigations Squad, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., by SE JOSEPH C. CREEDEN on November 10, 1955.

District of Columbia Department of Vehicles and Traffic by SE CREEDEN on November 10, 1955.

United States Park Police, Washington, D. C., by SE ALFRED E. BOWERS on November 7, 1955.

The House Committee on Un-American Activities by SE HERBERT J. LAVOIE on November 7, 1955.

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The following confidential informants, all of whom have furnished reliable information in the past, and who have some knowledge of Communist front activities in the Washington, D. C. area, advised on the dates indicated that they have no additional pertinent information regarding the subject:

T-2 on November 7, 1955.  
T-4 on November 4, 1955.  
T-5 on November 11, 1955.  
T-6 on November 11, 1955.

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[REDACTED] On this occasion subject admitted his identity. By personal observation of SA GARDNER on November 8, 1955, it was established that the Atlantic Map Company is located in Room 1101, Warner Building, 13th and E Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C. b7E

The Special Agents who observed persons entering 8321 Tahoma Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland, on April 16, 1955, were WILLIAM T. FORSYTHE and C. EDWIN GLASS, JR. Surveillance Log regarding this fisur is located in WFO 65-5048 - Sub A-35.

The subject is currently included in the Security Index at WFO. The data appearing on the Security Index card for the subject is current.

INFORMANTS

<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date of Activity And/or Description of Information</u>	<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Agent to whom Furnished</u>	<u>File Number where Located</u>
T- [REDACTED]	Subject registered as member of PP DC, 1954.	2/10/55	SA THOMAS C. RIES	100-20866- (1) B6

[REDACTED] b7d  
Documentation of PP DC.

Characterization of HELEN and IRVING WINIK and HELEN and BILL SHONICK.

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<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date of Activity And/or Description of Information</u>	<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Agent to whom Furnished</u>	<u>File Number where Located</u>
T-2 [REDACTED] b7d	[REDACTED]		SA TOLLEF JACOBSON, JR. Written	[REDACTED]
	PP "Hoedown" at Odd Fellows Hall, Washington, D. C., 5/18/55	5/23/55	SA JACOBSON Written	[REDACTED]
	[REDACTED]		SA RICHARD B. LAVIN Written	[REDACTED]
	Farewell party for the SHONICKS, 10/8/55	10/12/55	SA LAVIN Written	[REDACTED]
	Negative	11/7/55		
T-3 [REDACTED] b7d	Characterization of SOL TABOR			
T-4 [REDACTED] b7d	Negative	11/4/55	SA ROBERT E. TORRENCE	Instant report.
T-5 [REDACTED] b7d	Negative	11/11/55	SA RAYMOND L. O'KELLY	Instant report.
T-6 [REDACTED] b7d	Negative	11/11/55	SA O'KELLY	Instant report.

b1 Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

REFERENCE: Report of SA C. BENJAMIN FULTON dated December 13, 1954, at Washington, D. C.

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TITLE  <b>ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

ABRAHAM SUROVELL resides with his wife, ESTHER, at 1102 46th Street, S. E., D.C.; and is employed Atlantic Map Company, Room 1101 Warner Building, 13th and E Street, N. W., D. C. Subject known by T-1 as registered member of PP DC, 1954. T-2 advised subject attended three PP affairs in 1955. Informant reported subject attended farewell party at home of HELEN and IRVING WINIK in honor of HELEN and BILL SHONICK and others on 10/8/55. HELEN and IRVING WINIK and HELEN and BILL SHONICK identified by informant in 3/53 as CP members in D. C. area at that time. No additional pertinent information regarding subject in files of MPD, U. S. Park Police, or HCUA. Various informants, who have some knowledge of Communist front activities in D. C. area, had no additional pertinent information regarding subject.

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**DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**I. BACKGROUND**

**A. Residence**

On November 7, 1955, Mrs. JOHN W. KNOX, 1100 46th Street, S. E., advised that ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-44638)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-5587)

DATE: 1/16/57

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL  
SM - C

*one 0-1-280-3/5/57  
after July 35-57 agreement  
additional 11 days for introduction  
subject inasmuch as he is  
working back & forth to N.Y. City*

*(10-1)*  
*enc.*

Rerep of SA G. MAYLON MILLER dated 1/16/57 at WDC, four copies of which are attached as enclosures.

I. Subject, white, as of 11/9/56, resided at 1102 46th Street, S. E.; and as of 11/19/56 was employed as a draftsman by the Atlantic Map Company, Warner Building, WDC.

II. Subject married ESTHER SCHAICK, white, on 10/10/42; she, as of 11/9/56, was occupied as a housewife at 1102 46th Street, S. E.

III. Subject was a member of the American Peace Mobilization, 1941; the Washington Bookshop Association (WBA), 1942-1947; the Communist Party (CP) and Communist Political Association, 1943-1948, all organizations designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. He was a member of the City-Wide Peace Committee of the Progressive Party of the District of Columbia (PPDC), 1953, and of the PPDC, 1954. He attended meetings and functions of the PPDC 1952-1956. The PPDC is described in rerep. He attended meetings of the Emergency Committee to defend MARIE RICHARDSON (ECDMR) and the Washington Committee to defend the Bill of Rights, both designated by the Attorney General of the U. S. pursuant to Executive Order 10450, during 1952.

IV. ESTHER SCHAICK SUROVELL was a member of the CP 1942-1948; the WBA 1943; member of Finance Committee of ECDMR 1952; was PPDC representative 1953-1955. On 10/20/50 she refused to be interviewed by Agents of this Bureau when contacted concerning another matter.

V. None known.

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1- WFO

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VI. No info reflecting any current defection on subject's or his wife's part is known to this office.

When interviewed on 8/28/56, in connection with another official investigation, subject denied CP membership and advised that he had no friends who were CP members. He admitted having attended a meeting of the American Youth Congress in 1940 or 1941, and having held membership in the WBA, 1942-1943. This info was furnished to the interviewing Agents in the form of a statement which subject then refused to sign.

VII. Interview of subject at this time would serve as a basis for determining his current sympathies. If cooperative subject would be, because of his background, in a position to furnish information of value to this Bureau.

Bureau authority is requested to interview subject in accordance with existing instructions relating to interviews of security subjects. If the subject is cooperative, no affirmative steps will be taken during the initial interview to direct his activities, but a separate communication will be directed to the Bureau setting forth the results of the interview and requesting the authority to recontact subject as a potential security informant. P...

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>WASHINGTON FIELD</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>WASHINGTON FIELD</b>	DATE <b>1/16/57</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>1/9, 19, 26-28; 12/4, 21, 27, 31/56</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>ARTHUR JACOB SUROVELL</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>G. HAYLON MILLER</b>	TYPED BY <b>HES</b>
SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR <b>ADD. DISSEMINATION.</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>	

**SYNOPSIS:**

On 11/9/56 subject continued to reside 1102 46th Street, S. E.; and as of 11/19/56 was employed as draftsman by Atlantic Map Company, Warner Building. Confidential Informants have advised subject attended Progressive Party of the District of Columbia sponsored functions on 2/10/56 and 4/30/56.

[REDACTED] was visited 1/9/56 by individual identified on 2/12/56 as CP member.

[REDACTED], area in 1953, name in possession, November, 1955, of individual identified as 1954 member of CP City Committee.

AGENCY RAB  
REQ. REC'D  
DATE FORW. 1-28-57  
HOW FORW. C-6  
BY H p#

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.:

I. BACKGROUND

A. RESIDENCE

Mrs. H. SUROVELL  
Mrs. JOHN W. KNOX, 1100 46th Street, S. E., advised on November 9, 1956, that as of that date, subject continued to reside with his wife, ESTHER SUROVELL, adjacent to her own residence at 1102 46th Street, S. E. NEC SCHMIDT  
1956 HINSWALITE WASHINGTON, D.C.

T-1, an admitted former member of the Communist Party (CP) at Washington, D. C., 1939-1948, advised early in 1952 that ESTHER SUROVELL, mentioned above, was a member of the U. S. Navy Yard Department Cell of the CP, at Washington, D. C., during the period 1942-1948.

The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

B. EMPLOYMENT

[REDACTED] b7E  
it was determined on November 5, 1956, that as of that date, ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL was employed as a draftsman by the Atlantic Map Company, Room 1101, Warner Building, 13th and E Streets, N. W.

On November 19, 1956, SA G. MAYLON MILLER ascertained through personal observation that as of that date subject continued to be employed in Room 1101 of the Warner Building, which room was occupied by the Atlantic Map Company.

C. CRIMINAL RECORD

The files of the Criminal Records Section, Metropolitan Police Department, reviewed on November 20, 1956, by SE EDMUND J. EIDEN, reflected no information concerning subject not previously reported.

The files of the Special Investigation Squad, of the above department, reviewed on November 20, 1956, by




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SE JOSEPH C. CREEDEN, reflected no identifiable information pertaining to subject; at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records are out of file and not available for review.

## II. ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES

### 1. THE PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (PPDC)

The PPDC will be described in the Appendix.

  
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Certificate of Incorporation #24832 of the District of Columbia, Office of the Recorder of Deeds, for the Jewish Culture Society (JCS), dated January 24, 1938, reflected that 4462 Georgia Avenue, N. W., mentioned above, is their principal office. The JCS has been designated by the Attorney General of the U. S. pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Dr. HERBERT ANTHEIMER, mentioned above, testified on July 14, 1954, in the case, "U. S. VS. KUEHL, ET AL," conspiracy to violate the Smith Act, in the U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, that he was a current member of the CP and had been a CP member since 1939.

T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, identified BILL JOHNSON, mentioned above, periodically

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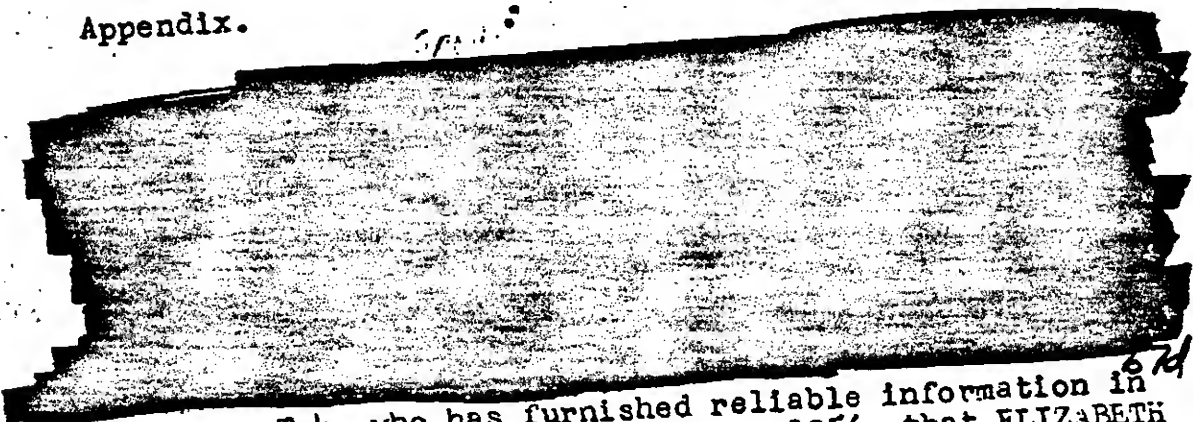
during 1954 as a member of the City Committee of the CP in Washington, D.C.

T-2, described above, reported on May 1, 1956, the subject had attended a testimonial dinner on April 30, 1956 which was held in honor of GERTRUDE EVANS, former Executive Secretary of the PPDC. T-2 continued that this affair sponsored by the PPDC, was held at the China Doll, 627 H Street, N.W. Informant concluded that during this affair EVANS was presented with \$600. b7d

T-3 advised on 2/26/53 that GERTRUDE EVANS was a current member of the CP.

## 2. THE SOBELL COMMITTEE OF WASHINGTON

The above committee will be described in the Appendix.

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T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised during September, 1956, that ELIZABETH GOLDMAN attended a dinner in New York City on September 1956, as a guest of the Sobell Committee of Washington. T-4 stated that this dinner was held under the auspices of the Sobell Committee. T-4 reported that ELIZABETH GOLDMAN would speak concerning her experiences at the above affair September 22, 1956, at the residence of ETHEL WEICHERD, 8321 Tahona Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland. T-4 concluded that invitations to hear GOLDMAN speak were prepared on September 17, 1956, by WEICHERD.

On September 17, 1956, T-5, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, made available information



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which indicated that Mr. and Mrs. A. SUROVELL, 1102 46th Street, S.E., were invited to hear GOLDMAN speak.

T-3, described above, advised in early 1953 that T-3 strongly suspected that ELIZABETH GOLDMAN, mentioned above, and her husband MARCUS GOLDMAN were CP members, but could not definitely so state. T-3 advised [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7d  
ETHEL WEICHEROD, mentioned above, was identified by T-3 on March 20, 1953, as a current CP member.

### III. MISCELLANEOUS

On January 4, 1956, T-2, described above, reported that subject had been among those present at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7d  
T-3, described above, reported on 2/23/55 that SAM ABBOTT was, in informant's opinion, one of the most important CP leaders in the Washington, D.C. area.

On February 26, 1953, T-3 reported that CASEY GUREWITZ, SALLIE PEER, and IRVING TEITELBAUM, all mentioned above, were current CP members.

The PFDC "Ballot for Election, 1955-1956," furnished by T-6 on December 2, 1955, reflected that ABE ELOOM, mentioned above, was the Chairman of the PFDC. T-6 was in a position to furnish reliable information in this matter.

JOSEPH FORER, mentioned above, was one of the attorneys representing the CP, United States of America, before the Subversive Activities Control Board.

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On September 30, 1955, T-7, who was in a position to furnish reliable information in this matter, furnished information which reflected that as of that date, checks of the JCS, described in Section II-1, bore the name MEYER KRAUS, identified thereon as President. This information was furnished on a confidential basis and should not be made public except in a usual proceeding, following the issuance of a subpoena.

HERBERT FUCHS, 2220 49th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., an admitted former member of the CP and the Communist Political Association (CPA), 1934-1946, who was active in secret U. S. Government CP groups in a leadership capacity in Washington, D. C., and in Denver, Colorado, 1936-1946, advised on August 23, 1955, that DAVID REIN, mentioned above, was a member of the Secret U. S. Government CP group at the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) during the period October, 1937, to mid-summer, 1942. FUCHS was unable to give the exact dates of REIN's CP membership, but stated that it comprised almost the entire period that REIN was employed by the NLRB.

REIN's personnel file at the NLRB indicates that he was employed by that agency from March 16, 1938, to July 20, 1942.

The CPA has been designated by the Attorney General of the U. S. pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

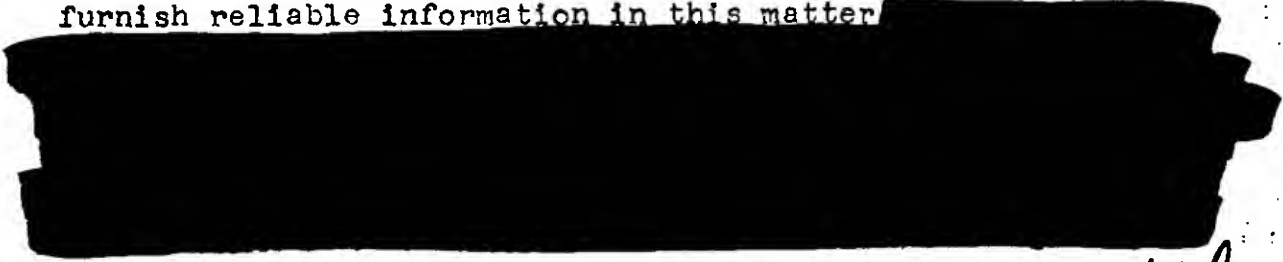
At 8:35 p.m. on January 6, 1956, a Special Agent of the FBI observed MEYER SAMOLS, identified by T-3 on February 12, 1954, as a current CP member, enter subject's residence at 1102 46th Street, S. E.

On January 11, 1956, T-4, described above, reported that a dinner would be held at Olmstead's Restaurant on January 21, 1956, to honor the seventy-fifth birthday of HANCOCK GOLDMAN, described above. On January 21, 1956, informant reported that this dinner would be held at 7:30

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A Special Agent of the FBI observed a couple arrive at Olmstead's Restaurant, 1336 G Street, N.W., on January 21, 1956, between 7:00 p.m and 8:30 p.m. This couple arrived in a vehicle bearing 1956 D.C. License AJ 15-06 which license is registered with the District of Columbia to ABE J. SUROVELL, 1102 46th Street, S.E.

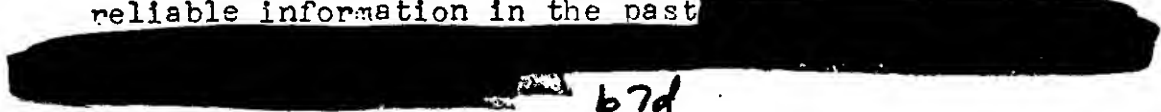
On February 24, 1956, T-8, who was in a position to furnish reliable information in this matter



On August 24, 1956, a Special Agent of the FBI observed subject park his automobile in the vicinity of 5065 Dunlop Street, S.E., the residence of IRA KLAFTER. Subject alighted from his car in the company of an unidentified woman. They joined four other unidentified individuals who arrived in the vicinity of KLAFTER's residence in a 1953 Dodge automobile bearing 1956 Virginia license A-75218. At 5:35 p.m., these six individuals were observed entering KLAFTER's residence. *b7d*

Motor Vehicle Records of the Commonwealth of Virginia reflect the above license registered to VICTOR FLEISHER, 129 Dale Street, Alexandria, Virginia.

On February 25, 1955, T-9, who has furnished reliable information in the past



T-3, described above, identified VICTOR FLEISHER, mentioned above, as a current CP member on February 26, 1953. *b7d*

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Confidential Informants, familiar with phases of the CP and CP Front Group activities in the Washington, D. C., area, advised during November, 1956, that they knew of no additional information concerning subject.

APPENDIX

WASHINGTON SOBELL COMMITTEE, also known as, Sobell Committee of Washington, Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, Rosenberg-Sobell Committee of Washington, D. C., Committee for the Release of Morton Sobell

An informant, who has supplied reliable information in the past, on March 7, 1952, reported that the Washington, D. C., chapter of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case was at that time operating in the District of Columbia. The informant subsequently identified this group as the "Washington Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case."

An informant, who has supplied reliable information in the past, in September, 1953, reported that the District of Columbia group of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, known as the "Rosenberg-Sobell Committee of Washington, D. C.," was becoming active in the District of Columbia for the purpose of vindicating the Rosenbergs and obtaining the release of MORTON SOBELL.

The informant noted above, who reported on March 7, 1952, again reported on December 30, 1954, that the Washington, D. C., Group of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case was known at that time as the "Committee for the Release of Morton Sobell."

An informant, who is in a position to supply reliable information, on May 21, 1956, made available information reflecting the name of the District of Columbia group of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case at that time to be "Sobell Committee of Washington."

A previously referred to informant on August 21, 1953, reported that of eighteen persons making up the "working" members of the Washington Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case who took part in arranging the activities of this group, ten were known to the informant as being members of the CP. Informant added that the activities of this group were controlled by the CP. This informant reported on December 30, 1954, that the Rosenberg-Sobell Committee of Washington, D. C., must receive approval for its present activities from the National Headquarters of the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee.

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An informant, who has supplied reliable information in the past, on September 25, 1956, reported that the Sobell Committee of Washington continues to function in the District of Columbia. This informant on the same date made available information reflecting that this organization currently used the name, "Washington Sobell Committee."

The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case (NCSJRC) maintains national headquarters in Room D, 940 Broadway, New York City, and the mailbox servicing this office is labeled "Sobell Committee."

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951, of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The ROSENBERGS were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951, and MORTON SOBELL to thirty years imprisonment on the same date. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ussining, New York, on June 19, 1953, and MORTON SOBELL is currently serving his sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California.

HOWARD RUSINGRE, a newspaper reporter with the "New York Journal American," advised in January, 1952, that the NCSJRC was formed on January 2, 1952, for the purpose of obtaining a new trial for the ROSENBERGS.

A confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 5, 1956, that the NCSJRC was attempting to keep alive the Rosenberg Case and to fight for the release of MORTON SOBELL. He stated that the CP took an extremely active part in assisting the committee.

THE PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (PPDC)

On January 15, 1948, Mrs. MARY STALCUP MARKWARD, an admitted member of the CP and CPA in Washington, D. C., 1943-1949, advised that at a meeting of the City Committee of the CP of the District of Columbia on January 11, 1948, motions were passed to set up a Political Action Committee in Washington, D. C., for the purpose of coordinating all activity with regard to the "Third Party Movement." It was decided to set up "Wallace for President Clubs" in Washington, D. C. These groups subsequently became the PPDC. On December 17, 1951, Mrs. MARKWARD advised that the PPDC during the years 1948 and 1949 was dominated and controlled by the CP of the District of Columbia.

An informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on February 25, 1952; November 14, 1952, November 27, 1953; and January 31, 1955, identified the leaders of the PPDC, as of the above dates, as either CP members or CP sympathizers. This informant added that the PPDC has never opposed the CP on any issue or program.

It is noted that an informant, who has supplied reliable information in the past, on February 8, 1956, reported that the PPDC was dissolved on February 7, 1956.

Regarding the National Progressive Party, it is noted that the National Committee, CP, USA, in issuing its final text of the "Resolution Growing Out of the Presidential Elections" in "Political Affairs," issue of July, 1953, states in substance that in 1948 the CP helped stimulate the formation of the Progressive Party and correctly supported the Progressive Party through the 1952 elections. It then states:

"However, the mistake our Party made was to confuse this task with the historic task of forming a new mass party of the people. As a consequence, there existed the wrong estimate that the formation of the Progressive Party represented something more than the simple emergence of an important fighting force for peace; that it represented the emergence of a great mass people's Party."

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As a result of this reasoning, the resolution concludes that the "Progressive Party, the CP and other progressive forces" must unite in a broad, mass-front coalition.

Concerning "Political Affairs," mentioned above, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, a convicted CP functionary, testifying in the case, "U. S. vs. ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, ET AL," on October 20, 1952, stated that "Political Affairs" has been the theoretical organ of the CP since the publication's beginning in 1945.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

Subject is maintained upon the Security Index of this office, and his Security Index Card is in a current status. This matter was re-evaluated in the light of the criteria set forth in 37D-7B (3) of the Manual of Instructions, and subject continues to warrant this status on the basis of active, substantial membership and participation in the affairs of one or more front organizations adhering to the CP line and because of leadership capacity in the affairs of one during the last three years.

A suitable photograph of subject is in the possession of the WFO.

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SA ARNOLD C. DUQUETTE observed MEYER SAMOLS enter subject's residence 1/6/56 (101-2722-1A-3).

SA J. LEWIS KELLY observed couple emerge from car registered to subject and enter Olmstead's Restaurant 1/21/56 (100-5587-133).

SA ROBERT E. TORRENCE observed subject enter KLAFTER residence 8/24/56 (100-32843-Sub B-20).

INFORMANTS:

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Thumbnail of ESTHER SUROVELL

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INFORMANTS (CONT'D):

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Thumbnails of:

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BILL JOHNSON  
ELIZABETH & MARCUS GOLDMAN  
ETHEL WEICHEROD  
SAM ABBOTT  
CASEY GUREWITZ  
SALLIE PEEK  
IRVING TEITELBAUM  
MEYER SAMOLS  
VICTOR FLEISHER  
GERTRUDE EVANS

T-4

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September, 1956, 1/11/56, 1/21/56

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T-6

Thumbnail of ABE BLOOM

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T-7

Thumbnail of MEYER KRAUS

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INFORMANTS (CONT'D):

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Thumbnail of IRA KLAFTER

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NEGATIVE CHECKS

[REDACTED] on 11/20/56 to SA RAYMOND L. O'KELLY, JR. 100-5587  
[REDACTED] on 11/20/56 to SA RAYMOND L. O'KELLY, JR. 100-5587  
T-2 b7d to SA RICHARD B. LAVIN 100-5587

ORGANIZATIONS THUMBNAILED IN APPENDIX

(1) The PRDC

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(2) The Sobell Committee of Washington

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LEAD:

WASHINGTON FIELD:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.:

Will await Bureau authority to interview subject;  
Will report results of interview.

REFERENCE:

Report of SA FRANCIS V. GARDNER at Washington,  
D. C., dated November 29, 1955.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>WASHINGTON FIELD</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>WASHINGTON FIELD</b>	DATE <b>1/16/57</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>11/9, 19, 20-23; 12/4, 21, 27, 31</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>G. MAYLON MILLER</b>	TYPED BY <b>MES</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>	

**SYNOPSIS:**

On 11/9/56 subject continued to reside 1102 46th Street, S. E.; and as of 11/19/56 was employed as draftsman by Atlantic Map Company, Warner Building. Confidential Informants have advised subject attended Progressive Party of the District of Columbia sponsored functions on 2/10/56 and 4/30/56:

[REDACTED] was visited 1/6/56 by individual identified on 2/12/54 as CP member:

[REDACTED], area in 1953; name in possession, November, 1955, of individual identified as 1954 member of CP City Committee.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-44638)

DATE: 3/4/57

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-5587)

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL  
SM - C

Rebulet 1/29/57, authorizing interview of subject.

Repeated attempts to locate subject for interview purpose during February, 1957, have been unavailing.

It is to be noted that on 2/21/57, it was ascertained [REDACTED] that he had sold his home and was moving to New York City. **b7E**

On 2/22 and 3/1/57, Mr. CABBAGE STALK of the Cabbage Stalk Realty Agency, 2009 9th Street, N. W., advised that he had handled the sale of subject's residence at 1102 46th Street, S. E. Mr. STALK continued that it was his understanding that subject was being transferred with his job to New York City; but, that he had no further personal information concerning him.

[REDACTED] it was ascertained that subject has been working, for the past two weeks in New York City, with an affiliate of the Atlantic Map Company. It was also determined that subject would return to Washington, D. C. within the next few days. **b7E**

On 3/1/57, Mrs. JOHN W. KNOX, 1100 46th Street, S. E., Neighborhood Source, advised that the SUROVELL family was moving to New York City within the next two weeks.

As of 3/1/57, subject had not filed a change of address with the United States Post Office, Branch 19.

WFO will continue its efforts to interview subject, ascertain his New York City address and employment, and advise Bureau and New York Office of same. Bureau authority is requested for an additional thirty days in which to interview subject. P

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-44638)

DATE: 4/9/57

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-5587)

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL  
SM-C  
(OO: WFO)

ReBulet dated 3/12/57 authorizing thirty day extension for interview of subject.

Repeated attempts to locate subject for interview have been negative. Mrs. JOHN W. KNOX, 1100 46th St., S. E., Neighborhood Source, has advised on an almost daily basis that subject has been in New York City since approximately 3/4/57.

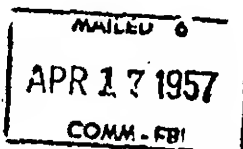
W. LORENZO MASON of the C. Stalk Realty Company, 2006 9th Street, N. W., advised during the week of 3/24/57 and again on 4/4/57 that subject would return to Washington, D. C., for the settlement transaction in connection with the sale of his home by MASON. This settlement, twice postponed, is tentatively set for 4/12/57. MASON has related that he would advise this office in advance of the date, hour and location of this settlement. MASON stated that he is not yet in the possession of subject's New York residence but will be at the time of settlement.

Mrs. KNOX, described above, advised that she is not in possession of any information reflecting the SUROVELL's New York residence but will make direct inquiry concerning same.

In addition GENERAL ~~LEE~~ ROBINSON, 1131 46th Place, S. E., whose wife is a friend of subject's husband, has been alerted to obtain this residence. WILLIAM MC DONALD, Superintendent, Benning Post Office Station, advised on 3/21 and again on 4/4/57 that subject has not as yet filed a change of address.

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Personal observation of subject's Plymouth automobile indicates that it now carries 1957 New York State license tags 3C-7908. The New York Division has been advised under separate cover of this information.

WFO will be alert to any information reflecting subject's return to Washington, D. C., and will attempt to interview him at that time. Inasmuch as the actual date of his return to this area is unknown and since the Bureau's thirty day extension for interview of subject will expire on 4/12/57, Bureau authority is again requested for an additional period of time in which to interview subject. P.



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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-44638)  
FROM : SAC, WFO (100-5587)  
SUBJECT: ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL, was  
SM-C

DATE: April 26, 1957

Card U.T.D.  
5-7-57

It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

X The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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COMMUNIST \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY \_\_\_\_\_ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE \_\_\_\_\_

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

TAB FOR DETCOM \_\_\_\_\_ TAB FOR COMSAB \_\_\_\_\_ RACE \_\_\_\_\_ SEX \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) \_\_\_\_\_

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-44638)

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-5587)

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL, was.  
SM-C

DATE: 4/30/57

ReBullets dated 1/29/57, 3/12/57, and 4/17/57, authorizing interview of subject; and report of SA G. MAYLON MILLER at Washington, D. C., dated 4/30/57, reporting results of same. Four copies of this report are attached as enclosures.

Subject was contacted without prior notice in the vicinity of 13th and F Streets, N.W., on 4/12/57, by SAs DAVID P. HURLEY and SA MILLER. Immediately upon being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents SUROVELL stated that he "had nothing to say to the FBI." Upon being advised that he was as yet unaware of the nature of the inquiry he indicated that it made no difference. He was then informed that the contact was in connection with his affiliation with certain organizations designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. He replied that he did not care to discuss these affiliations. He was then asked if he would like time in which to think this matter over with a view in mind to be contacted at a later date possible when residing in New York City. He then stated he did not have anything to say at this time and that he would have nothing to say to this Bureau at any future date. Further attempts to engage him in conversation resulted in his repeating "I have nothing to say. I don't care to talk to you." At this point the interview was terminated. P.

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Reporting Office <b>WASHINGTON FIELD</b>	Office of Origin <b>WASHINGTON FIELD</b>	Date <b>4/30/57</b>	Investigative Period <b>4/12,16,22,23/57</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL, was.</b>		Report made by <b>G. MAYLON MILLER</b>	Typed By: <b>TGA</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>	

Synopsis:  
Informant advised subject sold Washington, D. C., residence 4/12/57; and as of 4/15/57, would reside 76-12 166th Street, Flushing, New York. [REDACTED] determined on 4/12/57, that subject was an employee of the Direct Reproductions Company, 811 Union Street, Brooklyn, New York. Informants reported subject attended social affair 12/8/56, at which ANNETTE T. RUBENSTEIN, former American Labor Party candidate, spoke concerning recent book about VITO MARCANTONIO; advised subject and wife forwarded Christmas greeting cards to MARIE RICHARDSON HARRIS, former Communist Party (CP) member now incarcerated. [REDACTED]

Subject interviewed on 4/12/57, at which time advised had nothing to say to the FBI at this time or in the future and would not care to discuss his affiliations with organizations designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. **67d4E**

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

I. BACKGROUND

Residence

On April 16, 1957, T-1, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, reported that subject had sold his residence at 1102 46th Street, S.E., Washington, D. C., on April 12, 1957. T-1 stated that subject would reside as of April 15, 1957 at 76-12 166th Street, Flushing, Queens Borough, New York, but had retained the right of occupancy to his residence in Washington, D. C., until May 1, 1957.

On April 16, 1957, and April 22, 1957, T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that subject had left Washington, D. C., for New York on April 16, 1957. T-2 continued that subject's wife, ESTHER SUROVELL would remain in Washington, D. C., with their children until April 30, 1957, at which time she would join her husband in New York City.

ESTHER SUROVELL, mentioned above, was identified during the late 1940's by T-3 as a member of the Navy Yard Department Cell of the Communist Party at Washington, D. C., during the period 1942-1948. T-3 has furnished reliable information in the past. The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The records of the New York State Bureau of Motor Vehicles reviewed by SA DONALD A. RIVERS during April, 1957, reflected that 1957 New York license 3C-7908 was issued to ABE J. SUROVELL for a 1953 Green Plymouth automobile. This registration reflected his residence as 76-12 166th Street, Flushing, Long Island, New York.

Personal observation of SA G. MAYLON MILLER on April 16, 1957, at Washington, D. C., reflected that subject's 1957 Green Plymouth automobile bears New York State license 3C-7908.

Employment

Records of the New York State Bureau of Motor Vehicles, noted above, reflected subject's business address as 811 Union Street, Brooklyn, New York.

[REDACTED] it was ascertained on April 12, 1957, that subject is an employee of the Direct Reproductions Company, 811 Union Street, Brooklyn, New York. [REDACTED] it was ascertained that SUROVELL would be out of town until April 17, 1957. **b7E**

On April 12, 1957, T-2, described above, advised that subject's Washington, D. C., employer, the Atlantic Map Company, Warner Building, had sold this business and was moving its office and staff to New York City.

## II. MISCELLANEOUS

On December 13, 1956, T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that subject had been among the 55 people present at a social affair held at the residence of IRVING and HELEN WINIK, 3900 McKinley Street, N.W., on December 8, 1956. T-4 continued that Dr. ANNETTE T. RUBENSTEIN, the featured speaker, spoke concerning her recent book "I Vote My Conscious" about the life of the late VITO MARCANTONIO.

On February 26, 1953, T-5 identified IRVING and HELEN WINIK, mentioned above, as current members of the Communist Party. T-5 has furnished reliable information in the past.

On December 10, 1956, T-6 identified Dr. ANNETTE T. RUBENSTEIN, mentioned above, as a member and one-time candidate of the American Labor Party. T-6 has furnished reliable information in the past.

T-7, who has supplied reliable information in the past, advised on September 9, 1954, that from the time of its inception in 1936 there existed within the American Labor Party (ALP) a struggle for power among three groups. These were the Communist Party, the Socialist Party, and the Social Democrats. By the early 1940's the Communist Party emerged as the controlling force within the ALP in the major industrial area in New York State. Generally these were the areas around Albany, Buffalo, Jamestown, Rochester, Schenectady, Syracuse, Troy and the Hudson River Valley; Columbia, Dutchess, Nassau, and Westchester Counties; and New York City with the exception of Brooklyn. In 1942 the Communist Party was able to capture the ALP in Brooklyn. Informant knew this situation to continue up until at least 1949. The ALP never developed into an organization of any real consequence in the nonindustrial areas of the New York State.

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T-8, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 4, 1956, that the Communist Party then as in the past through its members in key positions in the ALP constituted the force that controlled it.

On October 7, 1956, PETER HAWLEY, New York State Chairman, ALP, announced the ALP State Committee unanimously approved a resolution dissolving the organization and ordering the liquidation of its assets.

LOUIS F. BUDENZ, former Managing Editor of the "Daily Worker," an east coast Communist newspaper, advised on August 8, 1950, that "as early as the late 1930's I was advised by EARL BROWDER that VITO MARCANTONIO was a close friend of the party but it was not until the early 1940's that I was definitely advised by JACK STACHEL that VITO MARCANTONIO had agreed to be under Communist discipline."


EARL BROWDER was the former General Secretary of the CPUSA; JACK STACHEL was a former CP functionary in New York.

On February 5, 1957, T-9, who was in a position to furnish reliable information in the past, related that ABE and ESTHER SUROVELL, 1102 46th Street, S.E., Washington, D. C., were among the individuals who forwarded Christmas greeting cards during 1956 to MARIE RICHARDSON HARRIS at the Federal Reformatory, Alderson, West Virginia.

MARIE RICHARDSON HARRIS, noted above, was convicted on February 28, 1952, in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia for violation of Section 1001, Title 18, United States Code. Following appeals she was committed to the District of Columbia Jail on July 1, 1954, and on September 13, 1954, was transferred to the Federal Reformatory for Women, Alderson, West Virginia.

On February 26, 1953, T-5, described above identified MARIE RICHARDSON HARRIS as a current member.

On March 5, 1957, T-6, described above, reported that a



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On February 25, 1955, T-10, who has furnished reliable information in the past, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7d

T-6 continued that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7d

[REDACTED] b7d

### III. RESULTS OF INTERVIEW

Subject was contacted without prior notice in the vicinity of 13th and F Streets, N.W., on April 12, 1957, by SAs DAVID P. HURLEY and G. MAYLON MILLER. Upon being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents subject stated that he had "nothing to say to the FBI." Upon being further advised that he was as yet unaware of the nature of the agents inquiry SUROVELL indicated that it made no difference. SUROVELL was then informed that the interview was in connection with his affiliation with certain organizations which had been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. He immediately replied that he did not care to discuss these affiliations. Inquiry was then made as to whether he was desirous of further considering this matter and being contacted at a later date. He then stated categorically that he had nothing to say at this time and that he would have nothing to say to this Bureau at any future time. Further attempts to engage him in conversation resulted in his repeating "I have nothing to say. I don't care to talk to you." At this point the interview was terminated.

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WFO 100-5587

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

Subject is maintained upon the Security Index of this office. A FD-122 has been submitted. This matter has been re-evaluated in the light of the criteria set forth in Section 87-D-76 (3) of the Manual of Instructions and subject continues to meet that criteria. A suitable photograph of subject is in the possession of this office.

[REDACTED] b7E

INFORMANTS

IDENTITY  
OF SOURCE

DATE OF ACTIVITY  
OR DESCRIPTION  
OF INFORMATION

FILE NUMBER  
WHERE  
LOCATED

T-1 [REDACTED] b7d

Instant

(request)

T-2

Residence & Employment

Instant

[REDACTED] b7D  
(Request)

T-3  
MAX ELITCHER  
NY Source of  
Information  
(Advisable)

Thumbnail Sketch (TN)  
of ESTHER SUROVELL

T-4 [REDACTED] b7d

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IDENTITY  
OF SOURCE

DATE OF ACTIVITY  
OR DESCRIPTION  
OF INFORMATION

FILE NUMBER  
WHERE  
LOCATED

T-5

[REDACTED] b7d

TN's of:  
IRVING and HELEN WINIK  
MARIE RICHARDSON HARRIS  
GERTRUDE EVANS  
SALLIE PEEK  
BILL JOHNSON  
LOUELLA WILLIAMS  
BERT FELTER  
HELEN GUREWITZ  
ETHERL WEICHBROD

T-6

[REDACTED] b7d

TN of Dr. ANNETTE T. RUBENSTEIN  
Farewell party [REDACTED]

T-7

[REDACTED] b7d

TN of ALP

T-8

[REDACTED] b7d

TN of ALP

T-9

[REDACTED] b7d

Federal Reformatory for Women  
Alderson, West Virginia  
(Request)

T-10

[REDACTED] b7d

TN's of IRA and FRANCES KLAFTER

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in the report only in the instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

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WFO 100-5587

LEADS

THE NEW YORK DIVISION

AT NEW YORK CITY

Will verify subject's New York residence and employment, and the fact that he is presently utilizing same.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will upon receipt of above information forward form FD-128 and all pertinent serials to New York Division.

REFERENCES

Report of SA G. MAYLON MILLER at Washington, D. C., dated January 16, 1957.

Bureau letters dated January 29, 1957, 3/12/57 and April 17, 1957, authorizing interview of subject.

New York airtel dated April 12, 1957, advising as to subject's residence and employment.

ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>WASHINGTON FIELD</b>	Office of Origin <b>WASHINGTON FIELD</b>	Date <b>4/30/57</b>	Investigative Period <b>4/12,16,22,23/57</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>ABRAHAM JACOB SIKOVIEL, was.</b>		Report made by <b>G. FAYLEN MILLER</b>	Typed By: <b>TGA</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>	

Synopsis:

Informant advised subject sold Washington, D. C., residence 4/12/57; and as of 4/15/57, would reside 76-12 166th Street, Flushing, New York. [REDACTED] determined on 4/12/57, that subject was an employee of the Direct Reproductions Company, 611 Union Street, Brooklyn, New York. Informants reported subject attended social affair 12/8/56, at which ARNOLD T. RUBINSTEIN, former American Labor Party candidate, spoke concerning recent book about VITO MARCANTONIO; advised subject and wife forwarded Christmas greeting cards to MARIL RICHARDSON BARRIS, former Communist Party (CP) member now incarcerated. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. Subject interviewed on 4/12/57, at which time advised had nothing to say to the FBI at this time or in the future and would not care to discuss his affiliations with organizations designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. **b2 & E**

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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5/20/57

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-44638) (100-376913)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-5587) (100-23316)

ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL

SM - C

ESTHER SUROVELL

SM - C

Re NY airtel dated 4/12/57; and, report of SA G. MAYLON MILLER, at Washington, D. C., dated 4/30/57, concerning verification of residence of subjects.

On 5/18/57, at 6:29 PM moving van of L. ROBINSON, 721 Kenyon Street, N. W., was observed by SA MILLER leaving Washington, D. C., enroute 76-12 166th Street, Flushing, Long Island, with all household effects of SUROVELL family aboard. New York requested to verify that SUROVELLS have moved into that address so that FD-128s may be forwarded that division together with pertinent serials from WFO files. ESTHER SUROVELL in past occupied as housewife. ABE SUROVELL'S New York employment noted in New York airtel 4/12/57. P.

4 - Bureau (100-44638) (100-376913)  
 2 - New York (100-131534) (100-104125) (RM)  
 2 - WFO 100-5587  
 (1 - WFO 100-23316)

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Mr. Belmont

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-44638)  
(100-376913)

DATE: June 4, 1957

FROM : SAC, New York (100-131534)  
(100-104125)

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL  
SECURITY MATTER-C

ESTHER SUROVELL  
SECURITY MATTER-C  
(OO: Washington Field)

Re: Washington Field airtel to Director, 5/20/57, copies to NYO.

[REDACTED] identified himself as Mr. HUG MALLARD, and who stated that he was related to WILLIAM H. BYATT. Mr. MALLARD said that ABRAHAM SUROVELL, his wife, and four children were residing at this address. He added that ESTHER SUROVELL is home most of the day and does not appear to be employed. b7E

[REDACTED] b7E

[REDACTED] Direct Reproduction Co., 811 Union St., Brooklyn, New York, and [REDACTED] stated that ABRAHAM SUROVELL was employed here, but was not in the office at that time. b7E

[REDACTED] b7E

In view of the above, Washington Field is requested to execute Form FD 128, making NYO office of origin in these cases, and submit pertinent serials to NYO. RUC

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- 2 - New York
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-44638)  
 FROM: SAC, WFO (100-5587)  
 SUBJECT: ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL  
 SM-C

DATE: 6/12/57

ReNYlet 6/11/57.

The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The New York Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The New York Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence Address: 76-12 166 StreetFlushing, Long Island, New YorkBusiness Address: Direct Reproduction Company811 Union StreetBrooklyn, New York

Check the following applicable statements:

X

This individual has been the subject of a Communist Index Card.  
 This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card.  
 (The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index at the Seat of Government. The                      Division should affix the addresses reflected above and the appropriate case file number.)

This subject was tabbed for Detcom.

This subject was tabbed for Comsab.

This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary.

Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.

A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.

The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new office of origin with its copies of this letter:

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Security Index Cards

Serials (specify)

Subject's FBI Identification Record, 171-753-B  
 Rep. of SA JAMES D. HUPPERT dated 10/29/52  
 Rep. of SA TOLLIEF JACOBSON, JR. dated 10/22/53  
 Rep. of SA C. BENJAMIN FULTON dated 12/13/54  
 Rep. of SA FRANCIS V. GARDNER dated 11/29/55  
 Rep. of SA G. MAYLON MILLER dated 1/16/57  
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2-cc: New York

Division (Enc.) 6) (100-131500-150)

1-WFO

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-44638)

DATE: June 17, 1957

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-5587)

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL  
SM - C  
OO New York

Re WFO FD-128 dated June 12, 1957.

Enclosed for the New York division are  
subject's Security Index cards with photographs  
inadvertently omitted in re FD-128. RUC.

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- 1 - New York (100-131534) (Encl. 3) (RM)
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>NEW YORK</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW YORK</b>	Date <b>8/1/57</b>	Investigative Period <b>6/24, 26; 7/2, 3, 9, 12, 15, 16, 22-25/57</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL, was</b>		Report made by <b>TOY J. FUSON, JR.</b>	Typed By: <b>aeo</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>	

Synopsis:

Subject resided at 76-12 166th St.,  
Flushing, Long Island, NY, and was  
employed as a salesman at Direct  
Reproduction Co., 811 Union St.,  
Brooklyn, NY, as of 7/24/57. An  
informant advised [REDACTED]

Some informants advised during July,  
1957, they do not know the subject. *672*

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REQ. REC'D  
DATE FOR. *8/2/57*  
HOW FOR. *100-131534*  
BY *[Signature]*



NY 100-131534

DETAILS:

BACKGROUND


Residence and Employment

On July 22, 1957, Mrs. DOROTHEA SMITH, 76-18 166th Street, Flushing, Long Island, New York, advised SA TOY J. FUSON, JR., that she did not know the subject by name. However, Mrs. SMITH did state that the owner of the house at 76-12 166th Street had related to her that a family who had formerly resided in Washington, D.C., had moved into the second floor apartment at 76-12 166th Street, Flushing, Long Island, New York.

On July 24, 1957, HUGH MALLARD, 76-12 166th Street, Flushing, Long Island, New York, advised SA FUSON that ABE SUROVELL resides at that address with his wife, ESTHER, and children. MALLARD said the subject had recently moved from Washington, D.C. *MRS. DOROTHEA SMITH* *76-18 166th St.*

*IV - SUROVELL*  
Mr. MALLARD further related that the subject was employed in Brooklyn, however, he did not know the name of the company.

Mr. MALLARD revealed that the subject obtained the apartment at that address through some relatives in the neighborhood, names not recalled. He explained that the business was transacted over the telephone and he knew none of the subject's relatives or associates.

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A person who identified himself as Mr. ROTTENBERG, the owner, revealed that SUROVELL was employed by that company as a salesman. Further, he related that the subject was formerly employed by their company in Washington, D.C., for two years.

NY 100-11534

AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY FRONTS

Rosenberg-Sobell Committee of Washington, D.C.

\* See Appendix for the characterization of the above committee.

[REDACTED]

MISCELLANEOUS

HELEN PUST, Credit Bureau of Greater New York, advised SE GERARD M. LENAHER, on July 12, 1957, that she had no record of the subject. b7d

The records of the Bureau of Special Service, New York City Police Department, as caused to be reviewed by SA AUGUST J. MICEK, on June 26, 1957, contain no record of the subject.

Some informants advised during July, 1957, that they did not know the subject.

NY 100-131534

APPENDIX

The Rosenberg-Sobell Committee of Washington, D.C.

An informant, on March 7, 1952, reported that the Washington, D.C., chapter of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case was at that time operating in the District of Columbia. The informant subsequently identified this group as the "Washington Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case."

An informant, in September, 1953, reported that the District of Columbia group of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, known as the "Rosenberg-Sobell Committee of Washington, D.C.," was becoming active in the District of Columbia for the purpose of vindicating the Rosenbergs and obtaining the release of MORTON SOBELL.

The informant noted above, who reported on March 7, 1952, again reported on December 30, 1954, that the Washington, D.C., Group of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case was known at that time as the "Committee for the Release of Morton Sobell."

An informant, on May 21, 1956, made available information reflecting the name of the District of Columbia group of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case at that time to be "Sobell Committee of Washington."

A previously referred to informant on August 21, 1953, reported that of eighteen persons making up the "working" members of the Washington Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case who took part in arranging the activities of this group, ten were known to the informant as being members of the CP. Informant added that the activities of this group were controlled by the CP. This informant reported on December 30, 1954, that the Rosenberg-Sobell Committee of Washington, D.C., must receive approval for its present activities from the National Headquarters of the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee.

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An informant, on September 25, 1956, reported that the Sobell Committee of Washington continues to function in the District of Columbia. This informant on the same date made available information reflecting that this organization currently used the name, "Washington Sobell Committee."

The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case (NCSJRC) maintains national headquarters in Room D, 940 Broadway, New York City, and the mailbox servicing this office is labeled "Sobell Committee."

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951, of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The ROSENBERGs were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951, and MORTON SOBELL to thirty years imprisonment on the same date. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953, and MORTON SOBELL is currently serving his sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California.

HOWARD RUSHMORE, a newspaper reporter with the "New York Journal American," advised in January, 1952, that the NCSJRC was formed on January 2, 1952, for the purpose of obtaining a new trial for the ROSENBERGs.

An informant advised on May 9, 1956 that the NCSJRC was attempting to keep alive the Rosenberg Case and to fight for the release of MORTON SOBELL. He stated that the CP took an extremely active part in assisting the committee.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>NEW YORK</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW YORK</b>	Date <b>8/1/57.</b>	Investigative Period <b>6/24, 26; 7/2, 3, 9, 12, 15, 16, 22-25/57</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL, was</b>		Report made by <b>TOY J, FUSON, JR.</b>	Typed By <b>aeo</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>	

**Synopsis:**

Subject resided at 76-12 166th St., Flushing, Long Island, NY, and was employed as a salesman at Direct Reproduction Co., 811 Union St., Brooklyn, NY, as of 7/24/57. An informant advised

Some informants advised during July, 1957, they do not know the subject. **b7d**

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-44638)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-131534)

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL, was  
SM - C

DATE: 8/1/57

Enclosed are four copies of the report of SA TOY J. FUSON, JR., dated and captioned as above. Also enclosed are four copies of letterhead memorandum setting forth the characterization of the informant used in instant report.

INFORMANT

Identity of Source	Date of Activity or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to Whom Furnished	File # Where Located
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T-1

Careful consideration has been given to the source concealed in this report and a T symbol was utilized only in that instance where the identity of the source must be concealed.

Other informants that did not know the subject are identified as follows:

b7d 7/2/57, SA ROBERT E. TAYLOR

b7d 7/2/57, SA CHARLES D. SHORES

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- 3 - New York (100-131534)

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b7d [REDACTED] 7/2/52, JAMES P. HALLERON, SA.

b7d [REDACTED] 7/3/57, JAMES P. HALLERON, SA.

b7d [REDACTED] 7/3/57, JAMES P. HALLERON, SA.

Informants used to characterize the Rosenberg-Sobell Committee are Former [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

b7d [REDACTED]  
This case has been reviewed in the light of the Security Index criteria and found to fall within that criteria.

The subject's Security Index cards are correct and current.

No request is being made to interview the subject inasmuch as he was recently interviewed and uncooperative. ✓

b7E [REDACTED]  
This report is being marked "~~confidential~~" because it contains information relative to the national defense of the United States.

REFERENCE

Washington Field letter to the Bureau (FD 128), 6/12/57.



United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
New York, New York  
August 31, 1957

Re: ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL, was  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference is made to the report of SA TOY J.  
FUSON, JR., dated August 31, 1957, captioned as above.

The following is the characterization of the  
informant used in instant report:

T-1 is an informant who has furnished reliable  
information in the past.

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DATE FORW. 8/31/57  
HOW FORW. cc file  
BY cc file

100-44638-28





United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
New York, New York  
August 1, 1957<sup>o</sup>

Re: ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL, was  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference is made to the report of SA TOY J. FUSON, JR., dated July 21, 1957, captioned as above.

The following is the characterization of the informant used in instant report:

T-1 is an informant who has furnished reliable information in the past.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (61-7582)

DATE: JAN 21 1958

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-22169)

ATTN: Records Section

SUBJECT: HCUA

The following individuals testified before HCUA  
on 10/19/53 in Executive Session:

ABRAHAM J. SUROVELL

(Bufile 100-44638)  
(WFO file 100-5587)  
(NY file 100-131534)

ESTHER SUROVELL

(Bufile 100-376913)  
(WFO file 100-23316)  
(NY file 100-104125)

JEANNETTE KAPLAN FINO

(Bufile 100-339730)  
(WFO file 100-19083)  
(BA file 100-10995)

PAULINE GOLDMAN

(Bufile 100-384003)  
(WFO file 100-33010)

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- 1 - 100-339730
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FRANCES JACOBSON

(Bufile 100-389908)  
(WFO file 100-17529)

MARK HARRIS

(Bufile 77-12816)  
(WFO file 77-7548)  
(WFO file 121-15499)

One copy of this testimony is enclosed for the Bureau and one copy is enclosed for the office of origin in each individual's case.

This testimony was obtained on a highly confidential basis and the fact that we have it should not be disclosed. If any information is reported it must be paraphrased and covered with a T symbol to protect the source (HCUA).

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-44638)

DATE: 1/30/58

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-131534)

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL, was  
SM-C

☐ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

☒ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows (specify change only):

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Name		
Aliases		
<input type="checkbox"/> Native Born	<input type="checkbox"/> Naturalized	<input type="checkbox"/> Alien
<input type="checkbox"/> Communist	<input type="checkbox"/> Socialist Workers Party	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent Socialist League
<input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous (specify) _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tab for Detcom	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Date of Birth	Place of Birth	
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address) ✓ Freelance Cartographer working from residence 76-12 166 Street, Flushing, Long Island, New York		
Key Facility Data		
Geographical Reference Number _____		Responsibility _____
Interested Agencies _____		100-44638 -
Residence Address		

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-44638)

DATE: 7/30/58

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-131534)

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8-18-58

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL, was  
SI - C

☐ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous (specify) _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tab for Detcom	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Date of Birth	Place of Birth	
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address)  Columbia Records Division of Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc. 799 7th Avenue, New York City, New York		
Key Facility Data  Geographical Reference Number _____ Responsibility _____  Interested Agencies _____		
Residence Address		

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Reporting Office <b>NEW YORK</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW YORK</b>	Date <b>8/3/58</b>	Investigative Period <b>6/18, 20, 23, 24, 30 7/3, 15, 18, 21, 29, 30; 8/1, 4, 5</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL, was.</b>		Report made by <b>LOUIS E. BROWN</b>	Typed By: <b>ml</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>	

Synopsis:

Subject as of 8/5/58, resided at 76-12 166th St., Flushing, Long Island, NY, and as of 7/30/58, was employed as an artist by Columbia Records Division of Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc., NYC. On 10/19/53, while appearing before another government body the subject invoked the Fifth Amendment in response to questions regarding past or present CP membership or affiliation. Informants familiar with certain phases of CP activity in the NYC area unable to furnish any information regarding the subject.

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DETAILS

BACKGROUND

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Residence

On July 21, 1958, Mrs. MARTHA MALLARD, 76-12 166th Street, Flushing, Long Island, New York, advised SA LOUIS E. BROWN that the subject and his family, who reside at the above address, were preparing to move shortly to a house somewhere in the neighborhood, which they have recently purchased. She further advised that she was not aware of their new address.

On July 29, 1958, and August 5, 1958, Mrs. MARTHA MALLARD was again contacted by SA LOUIS E. BROWN. She advised on each occasion that the subject and his family were still residing at the aforementioned address and have given no indication as to when they expect to move.

Employment

On July 29, 1958, Mrs. MARTHA MALLARD, previously mentioned, advised SA LOUIS E. BROWN that she believes the subject recently secured employment with Columbia Records, New York City. She was unable to furnish any further information in this respect.

On July 30, 1958, [REDACTED] a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to the Columbia Records Division of the Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc., 799 Seventh Avenue, New York City, [REDACTED] A woman identifying herself as Miss THOMPSON in the Personnel Department advised that the subject is currently employed by the Columbia Records Division as an artist. **67E**

According to Miss THOMPSON, the subject commenced his employment on June 17, 1958. She stated that he was subsequently laid off for a period of two weeks but was reinstated on July 14, 1958.

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Miss THOMPSON stated that the subject listed his home address as 76-12 166th Street, Queens, New York.

AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

Miscellaneous

T-1 advised that the subject while appearing before another government body on October 19, 1953, invoked the privilege of the Fifth Amendment in refusing to answer questions regarding past or present membership or affiliation with the Communist Party (CP).

T-2, a self-admitted former member of the CP in Washington, D.C., during the period 1943 - 1946, advised on February 18, 1952, that ABRAHAM SUROVELL was a member of the CP in Washington, D. C., sometime during the above period.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Bureau of Special Services, New York City Police Department records, as caused to be checked by SA AUGUST J. MICEK on June 20, 1958, contained no information identifiable with the subject.

Some informants, who are familiar with certain phases of CP activity in the New York City area, were contacted during June, 1958, but were unable to furnish any information regarding the subject.

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Reporting Office <b>NEW YORK</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW YORK</b>	Date <b>8/13/58</b>	Investigative Period <b>6/18, 20, 23, 24, 30; 7/3, 15, 18, 21, 29, 30; 8/1, 4, 5</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL, was.</b>		Report made by <b>7/58</b>	Typed By: <b>ml</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>	

**Synopsis:**

Subject as of 8/5/58, resided at 76-12 166th St., Flushing, Long Island, NY, and as of 7/30/58, was employed as an artist by Columbia Records Division of Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc., NYC. On 10/19/53, while appearing before another government body, the subject invoked the Fifth Amendment in response to questions regarding past or present CP membership or affiliation. Informants familiar with certain phases of CP activity in the NYC area unable to furnish any information regarding the subject.

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**DETAILS**

**BACKGROUND**

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TO : Director, FBI (100-44638)

DATE: 8/8/58

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-131534)

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL, was  
SM-C

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8-19-58

☐ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

☒ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (specify change only):

Name		
Aliases		
<input type="checkbox"/> Native Born	<input type="checkbox"/> Naturalized	<input type="checkbox"/> Alien
<input type="checkbox"/> Communist	<input type="checkbox"/> Socialist Workers Party	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent Socialist League
<input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous (specify) _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tab for Detcom	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Date of Birth	Place of Birth	
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address) ✓ Columbia Records Division of Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc. 799 7th Avenue, New York, New York		
Key Facility Data		
Geographical Reference Number _____		Responsibility _____
Interested Agencies _____		100-44638
Residence Address		

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W. E. Leonard

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TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-44638)

DATE: 8/13/58

FROM :

SAC, NEW YORK (100-131534)

*Law of the espionage a Security Index card is no longer warranted on the subject*

SUBJECT:

ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL, was.  
SM-C

Security Index card cancelled

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are four copies of the report of SA LOUIS E. BROWN, together with four copies of a letterhead memorandum characterizing informants utilized in the report, all dated and captioned as above.

REFERENCE

Report of SA TOY J. FUSON, JR., dated 8/1/57, at NY.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Subject's spouse, ESTHER SUROVELL, (NY file 100-104125, Bu file 100-376913) is a subject on the Security Index of the NYO.

INFORMANTS

<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date of Activity and/or Description of Information</u>	<u>File No. Where Located</u>
T-1 Executive Hearing 10/19/53, US House of Representatives, Committee on Un- American Activities, Washington, D.C.		100-131534- 85

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INFORMANT CONT'D

<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date of Activity and/or Description of Information</u>	<u>File No. Where Located</u>
T-2 HELENE ELITCHER (Request)	✓	100-131534- 9

The following informants were contacted during June, 1958, but were unable to furnish any information about the subject:

INFORMANT

DATE

AGENT

6/23/58

ROBERT E. TAYLOR

6/18/58

FRANCIS E. MURPHY

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6/23/58

JAMES P. HALLERON

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6/24/58

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JOHN A. HAAG

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6/23/58

LEROY W. SHEETS

6/30/58

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LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will maintain contact with Mrs. MARTHA MALLARD, 76-12 166th St., Flushing, Long Island, NY, to determine the date of subject's anticipated move.

Will endeavor to ascertain subject's new address upon receipt of information indicating that the subject has moved.

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☐ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☒ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☒ This report is classified ~~Confidential~~ because (state reason)

it contains information furnished by a confidential source, the unauthorized disclosure of which would probably reveal the identity of this source and would be inimical to the national defense of the US.

8. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)  
there is no indication that the subject would be cooperative if contacted at this time. It is noted that the subject was uncooperative when contacted by Bureau Agents on 4/12/57, and denied past or present CP membership when interviewed on 8/28/50. Subject also invoked the Fifth Amendment in an appearance before the HCUA on 10/19/53, concerning his past or present membership or affiliation with the CP.
9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

of subject's participation and affiliation with several front groups, notably the Progressive Party, District of Columbia (PPDC) over the past several years and in view of the fact that the subject when queried by the HCUA during October, 1953 regarding CP membership, invoked the Fifth Amendment.



United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
New York, New York  
August 18, 1958

NY 100-131534

Re: Abraham Jacob Surovell,  
with aliases  
Security Matter - C

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All informants mentioned in referenced report can be characterized as having furnished reliable information in the past.

*P.P.*

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REC'D 9-19-58  
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ENCLOSURE



**United States Department of Justice**  
**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
New York, New York  
August 13, 1958

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-44638)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-131534)

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL, was  
SM-C

DATE: 8/29/58

Re: NY report of SA LOUIS E. BROWN, NYlet dated 8/13/58 and  
Bulet dated 8/26/58

ReNYlet set forth lead to ascertain captioned subject's new home address upon the receipt of information indicating he had moved.

On 8/26/58, Mrs. MARTHA MALLARD, 76-12 166th Street, Queens, NY advised SA LOUIS E. BROWN that captioned subject and family were to move from the above address on the following day, 8/27/58. She was unable to furnish the new address.

On 8/27/58, SA BROWN observed a fully loaded moving van depart from this address and proceed to the residence located at 162-12 76th Avenue, Queens, NY where it was unloaded. Mrs. MALLARD was then contacted by SA BROWN and acknowledged the fact that the SUROVELLS were at this time in the process of moving into their new home. She mentioned, that during the day she had overheard subject's spouse mention the address 162-12 76th Avenue, during a conversation she (Mrs. SUROVELL) was having with the Dugan Bakery man. D

On 8/28/58, FRANK FRITCH, Inquiry Section, Flushing Post Office, Flushing, Queens, NY telephonically advised SA BROWN that the SUROVELLS had submitted a removal order dated 8/27/58, from 76-12 166th Street, Queens, NY to 162-12 76th Avenue, Queens, NY.

In replet, it is mentioned that in view of the subject's inactivity in CP or related affairs, the Bureau is of the opinion that he does not represent a threat to the internal security of the country, therefore the Bureau is canceling the Security Index card on the subject. In view of the above and because all outstanding leads in this matter have been covered, this case is being placed in a closed status.

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Mr. Rushing  
- Mr. Haack  
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SAC, New York (100-131534)

August 26, 1958

Director, FBI (100-44638)

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ABRAHAM JACOB SUROVELL  
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Security Index card cancelled  
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Reurlet dated 8-13-58 and report of  
Special Agent Louis E. Brown dated 8-13-58 at  
New York.

A review of the Bureau's file in this  
matter shows that the subject was reportedly a member  
of the American Peace Mobilization in 1941; the  
Washington Bookshop Association, 1942-1947; the  
Communist Party (CP) and Communist Political Association,  
1943-1948; the Progressive Party of the District of  
Columbia (PPDC), 1953-1954; attended meetings and functions  
of the PPDC, 1952-1956; attended meetings of the Emergency  
Committee to Defend Marie Richardson and the Washington  
Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights in 1952; and  
attended a meeting held by the Rosenberg-Sobell Committee  
of Washington, D. C., in November, 1954, and May, 1956.  
The subject invoked the Fifth Amendment when appearing  
before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in  
October, 1953, and was uncooperative when interviewed in  
April, 1957.

In view of the subject's reported inactivity  
in CP or related affairs, the Bureau is of the opinion  
that he does not represent a threat to the internal  
security of the country. The Bureau is canceling the  
Security Index card on the subject and you should do  
likewise.

You should remain alert for any information  
concerning the subject's activities.

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